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# *PRESIDENT WILSON WILL TAKE PERSONAL CHARGE OF NATION'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN NEW CRISIS*

### Situation Regarded Most Serious Since Teutonic Submarine Warfare Began.

### PROMPT ACTION LIKELY

### Every Effort Being Made to Establish Facts Surrounding Sinking of the Persia.

### Report That Liner Carried Gun Revives Discussion.

Washington, Jan. 3. — President Wilson started to Washington from Hot Springs, Va., tonight to take personal charge of the Nation's foreign affairs in the new crisis brought about by the sinking of the British steamship Persia with a loss of at least one American life. The situation is regarded in official circles as being the most serious to confront this government since the submarine operations of the Central Powers began.

**Lay Facts Before Cabinet Today.**

The President probably will lay the facts thus far established before his cabinet tomorrow. The destruction of the Persia, following closely upon the crisis precipitated by the Ancona disaster, may result in the United States determining to settle immediately all the questions involved in the submarine warfare. The subject is expected to find its way to the floor of the House and Senate tomorrow when Congress re-convenes after the holidays.

President Wilson decided to cut short his honeymoon and return to the capital at once after telephone conferences with Secretary Lansing and Mr. Tumulty, his private secretary. It was found, however, that he could not conveniently start until 8:46 tonight. He should arrive at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The United States is represented tonight as being prepared and determined to take any action that the facts concerning the Persia, yet to be established, may warrant. Officials still are trying to view the situation with an open mind, but it is apparent that they are disturbed by the reports received from consular agens at Alexandria and Cairo, Egypt.

Every effort will be made to establish the truth of the report that the Persia was torpedoed without warning. Secretary Lansing contemplates taking no step until the complete details are known.

**One Source of Gratification.**

Officials find one source of gratification in assurances given by Baron Erich Zweidinek charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, to Secretary Lansing during a conference today at the State Department. Baron Zweidinek is said to have suggested that judgment be withheld until the facts were known, and to have expressed the belief that the final explanation of the latest incident would be satisfactory.

He is said to have assured the Secretary of his belief that if an Austrian submarine commander violated the principles of international law and the rules of humanity, his government would be quick to take action which would fully satisfy the United States. Baron Zwiedinek also sought information for the benefit of his government.

Secretary Lansing today instructed Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, to make informal inquiries which might lead to the establishment of the identity of the submarine which sank the Persia or the receipt of information concerning the circumstances of the attack.

The Secretary acted upon an indication received from an undisclosed source that no submarines other than nationality were known to be operating near the point where the Persia went down. No specific instructions were given to Ambassador Penfield. He is expected to proceed as he thinks best and forward any information obtainable. Officials here are not finally convinced that a submarine was responsible for the sinking of the Persia, and still see a remote possibility that the vessel might have struck a floating mine which had drifted to that part of the sea from some adjacent fiel dof operations.

**Reported to Have Carried Gun.**

The report that the liner was carrying a 4.7 gun served to revive consideration of the position taken by the United States in regard to armed mercnantmen. In the early days of the war it was announced that merchant ships belonging to belligerents might be allowed to enter and leave American waters with guns of six-inch calibre or less, mounted upon their sterns. At that time cruisers of the Central Powers had not been swept from the seas. Later Great Britain and France at the suggestion of the United States agreed that their ships coming into American waters should not be armed, thus eliminating the possibility of a controversy over that point so far as vessels plying out of ports of the United States were concerned.

Since then all war craft of the Teutonic allies with the exception of submarines, have disappeared from the high seas. Consequently, it is considered in some quarters that merchantmen mounting guns even of small calibre and astern, might be considered

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## RELEASE GERMANS TAKEN FROM SHIPS

### France Will Turn Men Over to American Consul.

### RESPONSE TO PROTEST

**Representations Made by United States Following Capture of Men from American Steamers by the Cruiser Des Cartes.**

Washington, Jan. 3.—The State Department was officially advised today that the French government, in response to representations made by the United States, had ordered the immediate release of Germans recently removed from American ships on the high seas by the French cruiser Des Cartes.

The advices were received through the French embassy. The State Department also was informed that the men arrested would be turned over to the American consul at Fort De France, Martinique, where they were taken for detention.

Four American steamships were held up near Porto Rico last month by the Des Cartes and in each case removed one or more Germans or Austrians. Chief Steward Schaade was taken from the Carolina on December 8. On the following day the Coamo was held up by the Des Cartes which fired two shots across her bow. One German and two Austrian members of the crew were taken on board the Des Cartes. On December 15 the Borinquin was boarded by a party from the French cruiser and the purser, William Garbe, of Brooklyn, was taken off. Garbe, a German by birth, had taken out his first naturalization papers. The fourth vessel held up was the San Juan, from which two second cabin passengers, Germans, were removed.

**FOR MILITARY TRAINING.**

**One Hundred Y. M. C. A. Members Have Enrolled in a Company.**

New York, Jan. 3.—One hundred members of the Eastside branch of the Young Men's Christian Association have enrolled in a company for military training, it was announced today. This is the first step in a plan initiated by this branch, and approved by Major General Leonard Wood, to have the more than 500,000 Y. M. C. A. members throughout the country formed in an army reserve.

**NO "DRUNKS" ARRESTED.**

**For First Time in History 24 Hours Pass Without Disorderliness.**

Portland, Ore., Jan. 3.—For the first time in its history as a city, Portland tonight ended a 24-hour period without an arrest for drunkenness or disorderly conduct. If the new prohibition law had been violated no officer had been able to ascertain the fact.

## MORE SHIPS SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN

### Heavy Fighting Continues All Along Russian Front.

### SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS

**Artillery Engagements Continue on French, Austro-Italian and Dardanelles Fronts—No Change at Saloniki.**

Several more steamers have been sunk by submarines in the Mediterranena but which nation is responsible is not yet known. The London Times reports that the British Geelong of the Peninsula & Oriental Line is the latest victim.

Heavy fighting continues along the Russian front from the Pripet marshes to the Bukowina frontier. Vienna reports that the Russians are on the offensive at various places but that all their attacks have been repulsed.

Artillery engagements and mining and sapping operations continue on the French, Austro-Italian and Dardanelles front. In the Balkans except in Montenegro, where the Austrians claim to have put to rout a Montenegrin detachment which attempted an advance of the Tara river, there is no change in the situation.

There also has been no change at Saloniki as concerns the Entente Allies, who have not yet, so far as is known, replied to Greece's protest against their fortifying the district against possible attack by the Teutonic allies or answered Greece's representations concerning the arrest of the consuls of the Central Powers and their allies.

On the eve of the re-convening of Congress uneasiness prevails among senators and representatives by reason of the acute situation that exists between this country and some of the European belligerents. President Wilson has cut short his honeymoon trip in Virginia in order to be in the capital when the legislators begin to place resolutions before their respective houses with regard to infringement upon American rights.

Close inquiries are to be made into the sinking of the British steamer Persia with the loss of at least one American life before action is taken in this matter by the American government, which is represented by Washington dispatches as being determined to take any step warranted by the facts elicited.

**Wants Judgment Withheld.**

The Austrian charge d'affaires at Washington has asked the Washington authorities to withhold their judgment until an explanation of the sinking of the Persia is forthcoming and is said to have given assurances that if an Austrian submarine was at fault the Austro-Hungarian government would make amends.

It is expected that the submarine warfare of Germany and Austria and Great Britain's interference with neutral commerce will be the subjects of particularly interesting debates in Congress, and also that the question of national preparedness will early be taken up.

**CHAMBER CONVOKED.**

**Greek Deputies Will Assemble January 17, Week Earlier Than Intended.**

Paris, Jan. 3 — A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Athens says:

"It is announced that the chamber of deputies has been convoked for January 17, a week earlier than had previously been intended. King Constantine himself will open the session.

"The Greek government through the prefect of Saloniki has sent an address of welcome to King Peter of Serbia. The newspapers emphasize the influence that the visit of the Serbian king is likely to have on the relations of Greece with the Entente Powers. All the newspapers say that the situation between the Entente Allies and Greece is obviously improving."

**78 BOMBS IN HIS ROOM.**

**Of Small Fuse Type, Primed and Ready for Instant Use.**

New York, Jan. 3. — After the arrest today of Giovanni Attanasio, 35, the police said they found in the man's room 78 small bombs of the fuse type, primed and prepared for instant use. In addition to the bombs, the police said they also discovered a quantity of dynamite, sulphur, fuse and fulminating caps. The prisoner was taken to headquarters for questioning.

**TWO MORE BRITISH SHIPS SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN**

London, Jan. 3.—The British liner Glengyle, bound from Shanghai to London, was sunk in the Mediterranean on Sunday, presumably by a submarine. Of 120 passengers and crew on board all but three Europeans and seven Chinese have been landed. So far as is known no Americans were on board. The vessel carried a valuable cargo of 14,000 tons. The steamer was valued at 225,000 pounds sterling.

The Times learns that the Peninsula and Oriental liner Geelong, 5,030 tons, has also been sunk in the Mediterranean. All on board the vessel were saved.

## APPROVE EXTENSION OF TRADE SERVICES ABROAD

### Commercial Organizations Vote Almost Unanimously.

**United States Chamber of Commerce Recommends Many Changes for Promoting Foreign Commerce of This Country.**

Washington, Jan. 3.—Recommendations for extension and improvement in the Federal Government's foreign commercial service outlined in a recent report of a committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States have been approved almost unanimously by the commercial organizations holding memberships in the chamber. The vote was 719 to 6, the 307 organizations participating in the referendum being permitted one to ten votes each.

In making public the vote tonight, the chamber announced that as a result it felt committed to work for the following changes in the foreign commercial service:

An increase in staff and appropriations for the Washington headquarters of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce; appointment of a director of the field service and separate appropriations for collection and exploitation of samples and literature and more liberal traveling expenses; appointment of five new commercial attaches to cover Italy, Scandinavia, Spain, Austria, Japan and creation of the new position of foreign trade commissioner and the appointment of commissioners to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, British India, Greece, the Balkan States, East Indies and Central America; renewed efforts toward promoting commerce in Latin-America; Americanization of the consular service; elevation of seven consular agencies to consulates; establishment of 15 consulates where there are now no American consular representatives; and more adequate and frequent inspection of consular offices.

## BRITISH MEASURES MAY AFFECT TRADE

### Between South America and the United States

### REQUISITIONING SHIPS

**Many Vessels of British Registry Being Commissioned as Transports of Food Supplies to the United Kingdom.**

London, Jan. 3.—The government is taking stringent measures to see that the prevailing shortage in ships shall not interfere with the shipment of food and other necessities to ports in the United Kingdom. Vessels are being requisitioned right and left for the shipment of wheat from the Americas and in shipping circles it is reported that the admiralty intends to call in the British ships trading between foreign ports. The latter measure is expected to particularly affect British ships trading between South America and the United States. Shippers here predict that such action would have a disastrous effect on this trade.

Ship owners in England and neutral shippers regard the Nerbern energy of the government with misgivings and requisitioned wheat ships are receiving 13 shillings, compared with the normal rate of 15 shillings. The first hint a vessel receives that it is to be requisitioned is the following telegram from the admiralty toward the free end of its voyage:

"You are required by the requisitioning (carriage of food stuffs) committee to fix your vessel to load a cargo of 75 per cent wheat from the Atlantic coast of Canada, the United States or the Gulf to the United Kingdom. You may make your own arrangements as to freights, etc. Formal notice is following by letter."

The owners then receive the following letter from the transport department of the admiralty:

"I have to inform you on behalf of the requisition (carriage of foodstuffs) committee that it has been found necessary to require your vessel to be employed in the North Atlantic wheat trade. I have thereto given you formal notice in accordance with the provisions of an order of council, dated November 10, 1915, that the above vessel is requisitioned under that order. Under this the requisition committee requires you, under the authority given them in the order quoted, to arrange forthwith that the vessel shall be fixed to load at a port on the Atlantic coast of Canada or the United States including the Gulf, a cargo of which at least 75 per cent shall consist of wheat and to discharge this wheat at some port or ports of the United Kingdom. The vessel is to proceed on its arrival in the United States to one of the above ports to load, as stated.

"I am also to require you to inform me within a week of this date of the arrangements you have made. The committee rely confidently upon the good will of the ship owners generally and their co-operation in arranging for the supply of such additional tonnage as the national requirements may necessitate from time to time in the trade now in question, or in any other for which similar action may be required."

The last sentence is considered as significant corroboration of news already received by charterers that the

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## EXPLOSION KILLS MANY ON NORWEGIAN STEAMER

### 22 Probably Perish When Engine Room is Wrecked.

**Bursting of Huge Gas Tank Probably Cause of Accident on Oil Tank Ship Aztec While Moored at a Brooklyn Dock.**

New York, Jan. 3.—Two men are known to be dead and at least twenty others are believed to have perished in an explosion that wrecked the engine room of the Norwegian oil tank steamer Aztec at a Brooklyn dock today. Ten others were seriously injured.

Most of the victims were trapped below decks and those who were not instantly killed probably were drowned by the water that flooded the engine room through a great hole blown in the side of the vessel.

The Aztec had just left a drydock and the cause of the explosion is unknown, although it is believed to have been caused by the bursting of a tank of 10,000 cubic yards of gas used in connection with the oil fuel for the engines.

For several hours city firemen worked to recover the bodies of the victims and it was finally decided to pump the ship dry before renewing attempts. Most of the injured were rescued by Captain A. F. Bennett, of the tug Delseline. Captain Bennett said he saw the body of a man hurled into the air, followed by a flame that shot fifty feet high and was accompanied by a terrific explosion.

The body of a fireman was blown on to the deck of the steamer Roslands, fifty feet away.

The Aztec under charter to the Inter-Ocean Transport Company of this city, recently arrived from France and went into drydock on December 24. It was to have sailed for Philadelphia this week to take on a cargo for a return trip to France.

## CONGRESS FACING A GRAVE SITUATION

### Possible Consequences of Persia Disaster Discussed.

### RE-ASSEMBLES TODAY

**Feeling of Uneasiness Over Gravity of Foreign Affairs — Preparedness Question Will Be Taken Up Immediately.**

Washington, Jan. 3.—Congress re-assembles tomorrow in the midst of an international situation which rival political leaders admitted tonight was one of the most critical that has confronted the Nation. Returning members talked of little but consequences that might result from the sinking of the British steamer Persia in the Mediterranean with loss of American lives and the strained diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria.

Although administration leaders were uniformly inclined to proceed cautiously and to await positive information, there was a general feeling of uneasiness among senators and representatives over the gravity of foreign affairs.

Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, conferred with Secretary Lansing at the State Department and will seek a conference with President Wilson before a meeting of the committee is held Wednesday to begin consideration of matters pertaining to the diplomatic affairs of the nation. It seems assured that the committee will take up the resolution submitted by Senator Hoke Smith, calling for an inquiry into Great Britain's interference with neutral commerce and the amendment by Senator Lodge to investigate destruction of the Lusitania and other acts by belligerents resulting in destruction of American lives.

**Consider Smith Resolution.**

"Of course we must consider those resolutions," said Senator Stone tonight. "They are on the calendar and must be disposed of. I don't know the sentiment of the committee, but I see no objection to Congress having all information called for in the resolution of Senator Smith or the amendment by Senator Lodge.

"I talked to Secretary Lansing about the sinking of the Persia but we can do nothing with that until we get all the facts."

Senator Stone also discussed with Mr. Lansing the long pending Nicaraguan and Colombian treaties, concerning which there still is possible opposition by some senators, including Republican members of the foreign relations committee. The Missouri senator wants these treaties disposed of one way or another. If it is apparent that opposition is overwhelming, it is proposed to discover this as soon as possible so that further time may not be wasted in attempting to force their ratification. Another subject of discussion was the nomination of Henry P. Fletcher to be ambassador to Mexico. Senator Borah, a member of the committee, will strenuously oppose Mr. Fletcher's confirmation on the ground that no ambassador to Mexico should be named by the United States until conditions in the southern republic are more settled.

**Take Up Preparedness Question.**

Although foreign affairs overshadow everything else in interest for the moment, activity on national preparedness will begin at once. Hearings will be held tomorrow before the House naval affairs committee on the annual appropriation bill, the first subject to be taken up being that of yards and docks including the project for a big drydock at Norfolk, Va. The Senate naval committee will meet to consider Senator Tillman's bill for erection of a government armor plate factory. Thursday the House committee on military affairs will meet and Secretary Garrison will appear to explain his plan for reorganization of the army.

Other legislation ready for consideration includes the water power and mineral land leasing bills and the farm loan bank bill.

The joint committee on rural credits completed the farm loan bill tonight and the measure probably will be reported to both houses tomorrow. Consideration of the water power bill may begin in the House Wednesday.

**WEBB TO LEAD FIGHT**

**Will Re-Introduce Bill for Prohibition Constitutional Amendment.**

Washington, Jan. 3.—The annual fight in Congress for nation-wide prohibition will be renewed tomorrow when Representative Webb, of North Carolina, will re-introduce his resolution for a prohibition constitutional amendment. The resolution will be referred to the judiciary committee, of which Mr. Webb is chairman.

Baltimore, Jan. 3.—The Western Maryland railroad today issued an order, effective at the close of business tomorrow, placing an embargo until further notice on all shipments of grain to this port for export. There are nearly 3,000,000 bushels of grain in storage here awaiting ships.

**LUSITANIA NO LONGER CLASSED AS ARMED SHIP**

Washington, Jan. 3.—Germany no longer contends that the Lusitania could be classed as an armed vessel, a contention which was advanced as a justification for the destruction of the ship with more than 100 American lives. Secretary Lansing disclosed today that the contention has been abandoned in the course of the negotiations for settlement now in progress between the United States and Germany.

## DISCUSS MEANS TO CO-ORDINATE WORK

### Satisfactory Progress Toward Pan-American Unity.

### MANY SPEAKERS HEARD

**Bryan in Endorsing Lansing's Suggestion for Settling Boundary Disputes by Arbitration Brings Hearty Applause.**

Washington, Jan. 3.—Diplomatic representatives here of the Latin-American republics and chairmen of delegations to the Pan-American Scientific Congress met today, with Chilean Ambassador Mujica, president of the congress, as chairman, to discuss means for co-ordinating the work of the organization. Their recorded work was the selection of an executive committee and a resolution providing for the preservation of papers read before the congress, but informally there was free expression of satisfaction over the progress being made toward a greater Pan-American unity.

Speakers before the numerous divisions and sub-divisions of the congress today included former Secretary Bryan, John Bassett Moore, Albert Santos Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut; and George E. Roberts, of New York. Scores of papers were read at the various meetings and most of them were listened to by large audiences.

All sections of the Congress met tonight with the American Society for the Advancement of Science, to hear William Campbell, director of the Lick Observatory and president of the society, who spoke on the "Evolution of the Stars."

**For Unity in Event of War.**

A plea for Pan-American unity in event of war in any country beyond the seas and any American nation was made by Mr. Dumont, who attracted one of the largest audiences of the day.

"We should be able in case of trouble," he said, "to intimidate any European power contemplating war against any one of us, not by guns—of which we have so few—but by the strength of our union."

The aeronaut predicted that within a few years heavier than air machines would attain three to four hundred kilometers an hour and that before many years aeroplane services would be established between the United States and South American countries.

"I believe," he added, "the aeroplane will knit the various states of the continent into an integrally united, co-operating and friendly combination, allied for their own well-being in trade and commerce, as well as for strength in times of possible war."

Mr. Bryan in his address endorsed the recent suggestion by Secretary Lansing that an agreement be entered into by the American republics for settlement of boundary disputes and the prohibition of the shipment of arms to revolutionists. Hearty applause from all parts of the hall greeted the reference.

**Refers to Colombian Treaty.**

He also spoke of the pending treaty by which the United States would pay Colombia $25,000,000 for the partition of Panama, expressing the hope that it soon would be ratified, thus enabling Colombia to join the nations signatory to peace treaties that would

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## INFLUENZA SPREADING FROM COAST TO COAST

### Epidemic Over Country Presents Grave Problem.

**As High as 100,000 Cases Reported in Larger Cities and Spreading to Rural Districts—Wilmington Has 80 Cases?**

Washington, Jan. 3.—Influenza is spreading over the United States from coast to coast in the most serious epidemic of its kind ever known, taking a large toll in lives and causing economic loss by incapacitating workers in all walks of life. Reports from public health service officers made public tonight by Surgeon General Blue show that already the disease has created a grave problem for many of the larger cities, and is spreading to the rural communities.

New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Cleveland and Detroit reported the disease widely prevalent. Cleveland and Detroit each have probably 100,000 cases. Of the larger cities, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Baltimore, San Diego, Dallas and Mobile reported no signs of an epidemic.

There is practically nothing the Federal government can do toward aiding in suppression of the epidemic. It must be dealt with by local authorities and they, in turn, it is explained, are almost helpless without co-operation from the public. Surgeon General Blue said tonight he had called for reports from all parts of the country with the hope that publicity would tend to stimulate this co-operation.

Some of the reports were summarized by Surgeon General Blue as follows:

Norfolk—Influenza prevalent. Pneumonia not increased.

Wilmington, N. C.—About 80 cases, mild form.

New York—Disease widely spread.

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## COMBINED ATTACK BY TWO FOREIGN POWERS POSSIBLE

### Safety of Pan-American Doctrine a Fundamental Basis for Defense Plans.

### TO WARD OFF ASSAULT

### Believed Essential to Have Great Forces on Both Atlantic and Pacific.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Possibility of a combined attack by two foreign powers to break down the new Pan-American doctrine, evolved from maintenance by the United States and acceptance by South and Central American republics of the Monroe Doctrine, is one of the fundamental bases for the National defense plans formulated by army and navy strategists. They believe it essential in the formulation of a National military policy, it was learned tonight, to provide against the eventuality of an assault upon the doctrine by either an Asiatic or an European or even by an alliance of two such powers, which might hurl forces simultaneously at the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

A navy equal in strength to those of any two world powers, except Great Britain and an army prepared to fight for the integrity of the Pan-American idea everywhere in Pan-America is the ultimate aim of the plans of the military experts.

**Ten Years Believed Limit.**

Ten years is the time the Navy General Board believes the United States has in which to prepare for readjustment for world forces which will follow the European war. In setting 1925 as the time when the United States navy should equal any afloat—which means reaching the two-power standard of the British navy—the board estimated that much time would elapse before the shock of the present war passed sufficiently to permit any of the belligerents to look to South or Central America for colonial development or trade aggression.

Plans of the Army War College would be consummated in six years. The army officers take the position that the United States must have sufficient troops and troop ships to land forces in any threatened Pan-American country to meet an invader.

All these preparations, it is now known, have been presented by strategists to the administration as essential to the support of the Monroe Doctrine, so that the United States may be able to act alone, if necessary, to preserve its ideal of no entangling allies. Such ideals, the military students have stated, impose new duties on the United States—duties that require something more than a policy of mere passive resistence.

While the administrative branch of the government has submitted to Congress a definite plan which contemplates an increased expenditure of more than a billion dollars on the military and naval establishments in the next six years, all other agencies of the government are acting to unify and harmonize the pan-American nations. To students of diplomacy the Pan-American declarations of President Wilson in his opening address to Congress; the declarations for Pan-American unity made to the Pan-American Scientific Congress here by Secretary Lansing and the general effort for unity of all the Americas on a basis of friendship and equality, take on added significance when considered in connection with the administration's preparedness plans.

**A Significant Factor.**

The recent announcement that the ambassadors from Argentine, Brazil, and Chile had been selected by the United States to represent it on the commissions provided by the peace investigation treaties with France, Great Britain and Italy, is regarded as one of the significant factors in this connection.

Significance also is seen in the disclosure that an effort to postpone the Pan-American Congress on the ground that sufficient time had not been given to prepare an adequate scientific programme was met by the statement that the United States was insistently desirous of taking prompt steps to further the spirit of Pan-American accord, confidence, sympathy and mutuality. South American capitals uniformly report that the Congress is regarded there as more political than scientific and that approbation of the sentiment of Pan-American unity is freely expressed.

What confidential information the army war college and the navy general board may have gathered concerning the intentions of any certain power or powers is not being revealed; but there are certain matters of general knowledge which are known to have entered into the study of possibilities upon which the theory of a two-power attack upon the Monroe Doctrine was based.

With the military problem agreed upon and defined, the two boards of strategists were asked what, in their opinion, would constitute adequate national defense. Their answer was to build a two-power navy and organize a Federal army of sufficient size so that a portion of it could be used in any southern country against a foreign invader without impairing the safety of the United States itself.

**For Adequate Protection.**

To accomplish this, the general board then recommended for the navy:

1. Authorization in 1916-17 of $300,000,000 in new ships as against a total investment in fighting equipment now

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# PIONEER RAILROAD MAN AND SOLDIER IS DEAD

## General G. M. Dodge Dies at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

**Did Notable Service in Union Army During Civil War and Was One of the First in Railroad Building in the West.**

Council Bluff, Ia., Jan. 3.—General Greenville M. Dodge, distinguished soldier and railroad builder, died at his home here at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Two notable services to his country assure Major Dodge a place among the history makers of the Civil War and reconstruction periods. As a soldier his valor is attested by the fact that four horses were shot from under him in the battle of Pea Ridge, and that he himself received wounds in several battles. As a pioneer in Western railroad building he has the Union Pacific railroad, whose line he located and whose construction he superintended, standing today as a monument to his memory.

Some 60 years ago, the then young Dodge, who had moved from New England, where he had studied civil engineering, to Council Bluffs, Ia., entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad. Abraham Lincoln, who had done legal work for the same company, met the young Yankee. They talked of building a railroad over the Rocky Mountains and beyond. The world had been laughing at the project. Lincoln and Dodge agreed that it was feasible.

The Federal government shortly afterward decided to begin surveying for the proposed line. Dodge jumped at the chance of leading the party. Several trips were made as far as the Rocky Mountains searching for the most feasible route, the men under Dodge plunging into many a wilderness to meet stubborn resistence on the part of the Indians.

In the midst of the undertaking the Civil War broke. Dodge, born at Danvers, Mass., in 1831, was just 30 years old. He had had some military training at Norwich University, in Vermont, and some experience fighting Indians. Securing a colonel's commission from his old friend, President Lincoln, he raised, drilled and equipped at his own expense the Fourth Iowa Infantry Regiment.

Within two weeks Colonel Dodge was leading his command against the "rebels" in Northern Missouri. His gallantry soon afterward at the battle of Pea Ridge won almost instant promotion to the rank of brigadier general. He lost one-fourth of his entire command but he saved the day for the Federal army. He again distinguished himself in the decisive battle of the Atlanta campaign, July 22, 1864, when he defeated General Hood's desperate movement to the rear of the Army of the Tennessee.

Later while standing in a trench before Atlanta, General Dodge was shot and severely wounded in the head.

After the fall of Vicksburg he received appreciative recognition from General Grant, being promoted to Major General and given command of the 16th army corps.

The hanging of "Sam" Davis, a Confederate spy who was captured in Tennessee, was one of the incidents of General Dodge's career. On Davis were found complete plans of the fortifications at Nashville, which, evidently, he had received from some Federal officer high in authority. General Dodge offered the young spy his freedom if he would reveal the name of his informant, but the accused man refused. Half a dozen times before sending the man to the gallows, General Dodge offered him immunity. The spy went to his death with his lips closed. "He was the bravest man that ever died," said General Dodge.

When General Dodge retired in 1866, it was to go back to railroad building. Once, in the meantime, Lincoln had summoned Dodge to Washington for a conference on the route. Dodge suggested Omaha as the Eastern terminus of the railway and it was at his suggestion that this decision was made. Work had progressed but slowly, however, up to 1866, when Dodge took charge again. By May, 1867, he had 12,000 men along the river Platte, and he kept them steadily moving westward. Within three years the last spike was driven.

In addition to his military service and his engineering successes, General Dodge remained up to late in life an active and influential man. He was elected to Congress the first year after the war, and it was said that a promising political life was before him, but he declined re-nomination, in favor of the railway project. He was later a delegate tto the Republican National conventions of 1868 and 1876. In 1898 he was chairman of the President's commission to inquire into the management of the war with Spain. He was for a time commander-in-chief of the military order of the Loyal Legion and an officer of numerous patriotic organizations.

### SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL.

**Coroner's Jury Finds That Colored Youth Was Guilty of No Wrong.**

After spending between four and five hours in making an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the fatal shooting of James Edward McIntyre, a colored youth, on Sunday afternoon at the home of Anna Byrd, an old colored woman, the coroner's jury returned a verdict yesterday afternoon to the effect that the shooting was accidental and directed that Freddie Hill, a ten-year-old colored boy, be released.

The Hill boy was in the room with the McIntyre boy engaged in playing with a pistol when the shooting occurred. He told the jury a straightforward story of how it occurred, stating that the pistol was accidentally discharged.

### "DRY" DAY IN COLORADO.

**Not a Single Sale Could Legally be Made Under Prohibition Law.**

Denver, Colo., Jan. 3.—Colorado was dryer today under the new prohibition law than it probably will be again. Not a single sale of liquor for any purpose could be legally made. The first 55 permits to sell liquor, approved by Governor Carlson, were sent late today to wholesale and retail druggists. Until these permits are obtained intoxicants cannot be sold legally.

Pittsburg, Jan. 3.—The Ohio river is falling here tonight and danger of a flood has passed, according to the local weather bureau. The river reached a stage of 20.7 feet at noon and after remaining stationery for several hours, began receding.

# SPORTS

### PHILADELPHIA AMERICANS TO PLAY MANY GAMES IN SOUTH

**Among Games Scheduled Are Two at Asheville and One at Raleigh.**

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—The Philadelphia American League Baseball club today announced the schedule of games to be played by the Athletics during the spring training trip. After an opening series with the Philadelphia Nationals at St. Petersburg, Florida, March 23, 24 and 25, the squad will be divided into two teams.

One team will leave Jacksonville, Fla., March 29 and play the following games: March 30, 31 and April 1 at Chattanooga, Tenn.; April 3 and 4, Knoxville, Tenn.; 5 and 6, Asheville, N. C.; 8, Portsmouth, Va.; 10, Norfolk, Va., 11 and 12, Newport News, Va.

The team remaining in Jacksonville will play the following games: March 31, Boston Nationals; April 1, 3 and 4, Philadelphia Nationals.

Leaving Jacksonville April 5, the team will play games as follows: April 8, Philadelphia Nationals at Waycross, Ga.; 6 Philadelphia Nationals at Charleston, S. C., 7 Philadelphia Nationals at Raleigh, N. C.; April 8, Richmond, Va.; 10 and 11, Brooklyn Nationals at Brooklyn.

### CAROLINA TO MEET HARVARD ON GRIDIRON NEXT SEASON

**Game to Be Played October 14, According to the Schedule.**

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 3.—Both the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina are given places on the Harvard football schedule for 1916, it was announced today. North Carolina will be met on October 14, which was an open date when the tentative schedule was announced recently.

Ten games in all are on the schedule, the other opponents being Massachusetts Agricultural College, Bates, Colby, Tufts, Cornell, Princeton, Brown and Yale. The Yale game will be played at New Haven on November 26.

### FUNERAL OF CAPT. CROSSWELL.

**Attended by Many from Various Parts of the State.**

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 3.—St. John's Episcopal church was crowded to its utmost capacity Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by friends and acquaintances of the late Capt. James J. Crosswell, who assembled to pay their respects to him, whom they held in the highest esteem. The funeral services were conducted by the rector, Rev. Archer Boogher. The singing of the large vested choir was an impressive feature of the services. The burial was in Cross Creek cemetery No. 2, and the grave was banked deep in beautiful and costly floral designs.

Fayetteville Lodge of Elks, No. 1081, attended the funeral and a company of representatives of the Southern Express Company, numbering about 25, were also in attendance in a body. The full vested choir sang several beautiful and appropriate selections.

Following were the honorary pallbearers: W. W. Horne, Dr. E. J. Carson, F. R. Rose, E. L. Remsburg, B. R. Huske, David Tillinghast, Chas. Broadfoot, Jr., R. G. Haigh, J. A. Huske, J. S. Schenck, J. A. Barnes, David Jones.

Those from out of town who attended the funeral were as follows: Mr. J. W. Mayland, of Superintendent Buckner's office, Wilmington; Route agents K. C. Barrett, J. O. Wooford, M. H. Shepard and R. J. Wilkerson; Route Agent P. B. Wilkes, of Norfolk; Mr. J. J. Bowen, agent Southern Express Co., Raleigh, and Mr. Bowen's two sons, nephews of Mr. Crosswell, William and Jack Bowen; Mr. Earl Crosswell, of Darlington, S. C., a son of the late superintendent of the Express Company; Mr. W. J. Crosswell, a nephew of Capt. Crosswell; Mr. J. W. Smith, agent at Wilmington; Mr. J. T. Eason, agent at Bennettsville, S. C.; Mr. John T. Moore, agent at Mount Airy, N. C.; Mr. J. D. Jenkins, Sumter, S. C.; W. D. Shupe, Sumter, and Capt. J. D. Bowen, of A. C. L., Sumter; Captain and Mrs. Langdon Jones, Florence, S. C.; Mr. Will Haigh, South Carolina; the agent at Overhills, Mr. J. T. Bowers; two former express men who were here, Mr. James McPhail, of Red Springs, N. C., and Mr. K. M. Biggs, of Lumberton, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKay, of Columbia, S. C., and Capt. Fred Jones and wife, and Miss Rush, of Aberdeen, N. C.

Agent Prouse and the entire express force and all lay-over messengers, attended in a body.

### OPERATE AGAIN IN EFFORT TO SAVE GEN. HUERTA'S LIFE

**Former President of Mexico in Weakened Condition from Illness.**

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 3.—General Victoriano Huerta, once provisional president of Mexico, and until today under surveillance by Federal authorities pending trial, late today underwent a second operation, performed in an effort to save the aged soldier's life. The first operation, for gall stones, was performed Saturday and since, it was said, complications developed. The patient, whose condition was described as "serious," was much relieved after the operation.

Huerta recently was moved from Fort Bliss, to his home and today guards were withdrawn upon instructions from San Antonio, it was said, where Huerta was to have appeared on January 10, before the Federal grand jury. The patient was arrested several months ago and held on a charge of conspiracy to set on foot a revolution in Mexico.

It was said the operation of today was of minor character. A third operation of like nature was planned tonight for tomorrow. Owing to the patient's weakened condition due to his illness from jaundice, it has been necessary to operate without anaesthetics.

### TO BE UNIONIST CANDIDATE.

**Thomas G. Bowles Will Seek Seat in British Parliament.**

London, Jan. 3.—Thomas Gibson Bowles, who changed his political coat and subsequently reverted to his original faith, will be the Unionist candidate for the parliamentary seat of St. Georges, made vacant by the recent elevation of Sir Alexander Henderson to the peerage.

Mr. Bowles' role in the House of Commons, to which, in view of the present system of uncontested elections, he is sure of being returned, will be agitation for the sterner use of Great Britain's sea power in the prosecution of the war.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 3.—Argument was begun today in the Nebraska supreme court to test the constitutionality of a law providing for the teaching of German in the public schools. The case is one of appeal from the lower court.

# COL. R. T. VAN HORN IS DEAD AT THE AGE OF 91

## Pioneer Journalist and Statesman of Middle West.

**Was Founder of the Kansas City Journal and Was Widely Known Among the Newspaper Fraternity of the Country.**

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 3.—Colonel Robert Thompson van Horn, founder of the Kansas City Journal and pioneer journalist and statesman of the Middlewest, died at his home here today. He was 91 years old. Death was due to the infirmities of age.

Col. Van Horn founded the Kansas City (Mo.) Journal and was for forty-one years editor of that paper, becoming a widely known figure in American journalism. Kansas City was a village whose inhabitants numbered only 478, when the young Van Horn went there and bought the Weekly Enterprise for $500, in 1885, and changed the name to The Journal. With the rapid growth of the place the Journal became one of the flourishing daily newspapers of the West. When Col. Van Horn retired from control of the paper in 1896, he was seventy-two years old, and at his death he was 91, having been born May 19, 1824.

Col. Van Horn was the son of a Pennsylvania farmer of Dutch and Scotch-Irish ancestry. His education was largely of his own endeavor, with occasional terms at a subscription school. At 15 he became apprenticed in the printing trade and worked at it for ten years in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio and New York, finally drifting to Kansas City, to invest what little he had in the newspaper business for himself. As an editor he made himself known as a fighter for the progress of Kansas City and Missouri and his whole career was interwoven with the history of that remarkable progress.

Col. Van Horn served the public not only as an editor, but as a soldier, as mayor of Kansas City many years ago, a member of the State legislature and for four terms as the representative of his people in Congress.

His military service was with the Union army, although in the political prologue to the Civil war he had been a pro-slavery Democrat. Secession made a Union man and a Republican of him. He headed a Missouri regiment, which served with distinction, participating in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, and Westport While in the field with his regiment, he was called to take a seat in the Missouri Senate, and shortly after the war he was sent to Congress. He introduced there a bill for the organization of Oklahoma Territory in 1868, and although that territory was not established until 25 years later, it was Col. Van Horn who for the first time had introduced Congress to the now familiar name of Oklahoma. He disavowed credit for having coined the name, but said that E. C. Boudinot, a Cherokee Indian, had told him it was the Creek word meaning Red man's land.

For many years Col. Van Horn was a delegate to Republican National conventions, and was extremely proud of the fact that he was one of "the immortal 306" who stood for the third term nomination of General Grant in the Chicago convention of 1880.

One of Col. Van Horn's newspaper reminiscences included the fact that his Journal on August 26, 1858, printed the first article announcing the discovery of gold in Colorado. He also recalled the days when the first telegraph news was received from St. Louis over a wire completed as far as Boonville, from which the news was forwarded by express.

In 1864 Col. Van Horn married Miss Adela H. Cooley, of Meigs county, Ohio. Four children were born to them, of whom Richard Van Horn, manager of the Van Horn estate, and a former newspaper man, is the only survivor. Mrs. Van Horn died in July, 1910

Since her death, Col. Van Horn had spent most of his time at Honeywood, on the outskirts of Kansas City.

### WILL ATTEND FUNERAL OF JUSTICE LAMAR AT AUGUSTA.

**Chief Justice White and Several Justices Leave Washington Today.**

Washington, Jan. 3.—Chief Justice White and several members of the United States Supreme Court will leave Washington for Augusta, Ga., late tomorrow afternpon, it was learned today, to attend the funeral of Justice Joseph Rucker Lamar, who died at his home here last night, after a lingering illness.

Services will be held about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in the church in Augusta, which has been attended for years by members of the late justice's family. There will be no funeral services in Washington.

Inability of some of the justices to make an immediate trip to Georgia led the court to appoint a committee consisting of Justices Van DeVanter, Pitney and McReynolds to represent it at the funeral.

After paying a feeling tribute to the work and character of Justice Lamar, Chief Justice White adjourned court until Thursday. Decisions to have been announced today will be delivered next Monday.

Among lawyers, in Congress, and among officials here, it was regarded as most likely that President Wilson would select a Southern man to succeed Justice Lamar. An early appointment is expected in view of the important cases awaiting disposition in the court.

Hot Springs, Va., Jan. 3.—President Wilson today sent to the widow of Justice Lamar of the Supreme Court the following telegram:

"My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you in your tragical loss, which the whole country has reason to mourn. It has lost an able servant, and I have lost in him one of my most loved friends."

### COMMANDEERS 27 SHIPS.

**Italy Will Place Vessels Into War Service as Transports.**

New Orleans, Jan. 3.—According to advices received here today, the Italian government has commandeered for transport purposes 27 steamships of the Pearce-Cottoneira and Creole lines which maintain regular sailings between Palermo, Naples and other Italian points and New Orleans, Galveston and other gulf ports.

Some of the vessels, it was said, had already been impressed into the government service.

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FATIMA was the Only Cigarette Awarded the Grand Prize, the highest award given to any cigarette at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.
"A sensible cigarette—that's what I want"
There are a number of good, sensible cigarettes on the market—Fatimas are not the only ones.
But Fatimas are the best-liked and best-selling of all the cigarettes costing over 5c.
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Make this important test today.
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TWO TESTS FOR ANY CIGARETTE
The taste of the cigarette—according to a leading tobacco journal—is up to the smoker. But there are other qualities that you should look for in the cigarette that you are going to stick to for your steady smoke. Here are a couple of tests that may help the average smoker to choose more wisely between different kinds of cigarettes.
The first test is for coolness, which means more comfort to the throat and tongue. Light any cigarette. Draw in a cloud of smoke—a small, ordinary puff is not sufficient to make this test. Hold it in your mouth for a few seconds. Let it "float" around against your tongue and throat. Now blow out the smoke.
If the cigarette contains a high grade of mild tobacco leaves, combined in just the right proportion, it will always feel COOL and smooth both to your throat and to your tongue.
On the other hand, if the proportions are not right and if the cigarette contains inferior grades of tobacco or hidden strands of rank, oily leaf, you will feel a nipping sting at the tip of your tongue, or that "sandpaper" tickle in your throat.
Test number two—How do you feel after smoking all day?
If the tobaccos in the cigarette include a correct proportion of mild grades—and if all of the various grades have been properly mellowed by age—and if they have been so blended as to bring out the best qualities and to neutralize any unpleasant qualities in each of the different types of tobaccos, you will be able to smoke practically whenever you feel like it through the day without feeling any effect from it.
But with another cigarette in which the blend is less skillful, even though the tobaccos are of the highest grade, you will find along towards the end of the day that you are likely to have that feeling of having "smoked too much."
Clip out these tests and try them on Fatima
20 for 15¢


### ALLOWED RATE INCREASE

**Four Railroads in Alabama Given Right to Raise Charge 10 Per Cent.**

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 3.—An order giving the Western of Alabama, Central of Georgia, Seaboard Air Line and Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroads, the right to charge ten per cent. more than published rates on all commodities in the eight groups with the exception of those bearing percentages and relating to fertilizers was issued by the Alabama Public Service Commission today. The charge may be continued until June 30.

### LIQUOR ADS FORBIDDEN

**Hundreds of Popular Periodicals Withdrawn From News Stands.**

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 3.—Hundreds of popular periodicals were withdrawn today from news stand sale because of the State-wide prohibition law forbidding the advertising of liquors. In cases where magazines were not withdrawn the pages containing liquor advertising had been cut out.

A magazine distributing agency announced that several publications would issue editions not containing liquor advertising for sale in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.


## AFTER SEVEN YEARS

**Wilmington Testimony Remains Unshaken.**

Time is the best test of truth. Here is a Wilmington story that has stood the test of time. It is a story with a point which will come straight home to many of us.

W. L. Benson, grocer, 620 S. Second St., Wilmington, says: "My back ached and pained me nearly all the time. I couldn't straighten up after stooping or lifting without having sharp pains in the small of my back. Mornings, I felt very lame and sore. The kidney secretions were highly colored and contained sediment. Since I used Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Bellamy's Drug Store, the backache has entirely disappeared, my kidneys act regularly, and I can rest much better nights." (Statement given February 24, 1908.)

On April 5, 1915, Mr. Benson said: "Doan's Kidney Pills cured me several years ago of a bad case of kidney trouble and since then my kidneys have been sound."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Dont simply ask for a kidney remedy — get Doan's Kidney Pills — the same that Mr. Benson had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

## BELL-ANS

Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

"THE OLD RELIABLE"
PLANTEN'S C & C OR BLACK CAPSULES
REMEDY FOR MEN.
AT YOUR DRUGGIST.

## CREAM FOR CATARRH OPENS UP NOSTRILS

**Tells How To Get Quick Relief from Head-Colds. It's Splendid!**

In one minute your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, snuffling, blowing, headache, dryness. No struggling for breath at night; your cold or catarrh will be gone.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly.

It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh—Relief comes so quickly.

We have a complete and up-to-date lens grinding plant, and can make your glasses while you wait. We can duplicate any broken lens you may have, at short notice.

See us about your eyes and we will save you money.

Spectacles or Eye Glasses fitted to your eyes for $1.00 and up.

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In which these Blossoms grew,
And Lavender's scent, so lasting-sweet,
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We will furnish the Lavender and you furnish the Old Lace. Nothing as dainty or refreshing as the sweet scent of Lavender.

## Belle Mead Sweets

The PERFECT Candy—The Aristocratic Candy. None Better. None as Good. 10c to $10.00 per Box. You cannot go wrong when you send your Wife, your Mother, your Sweetheart or your Sister a Box of this Candy for Xmas.

After Dinner Mints for after Xmas Turkey.

Chocolate Nuts, Walnut Creams, Maraschino Cherries, and Everything Good in the Confection Line.

A $15.00 GOLD WATCH FOR $10.00. BEAUTIFUL XMAS PRESENT!

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# NEWS OF A DAY FROM THE STATE'S CAPITAL

## Nebraska Woman Comes to Assist Legislative Librarian

**Miss Bullock to Assist Mr. W. S. Wilson in Installing New Library Quarters—Funeral of M. W. Tyree.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3.—Miss Edna D. Bullock, who is assistant legislative librarian for the state of Nebraska, has arrived for the special purpose of giving expert assistance to W. S. Wilson, legislative librarian of North Carolina, in the installation and arrangement of Mr. Wilson's quarters, this work being now under way. Miss Bullock has had thorough special training in some of the biggest legislative libraries in the country, including that of New York State, and is considered one of the best equipped in the whole country. She will spend one month in the legislative library here.

K. W. Barnes arrived today from Lucama, Wilson county, to take up his work as secretary to the State board of Agriculture, to which he was recently appointed by Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture. Elias Carr, the retiring secretary, is also here from his Edgecombe county farm to assist Mr. Barnes for a few days in his new duties. Mr. Carr has moved his family to Bracebridge, his Edgecombe county place. Mr. Barnes' family will remain at Lucama for the present.

A. D. Dupree assumed his duties as grant clerk in the Department of State this morning. He was appointed some weeks ago by Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes to succeed Mr. Sherrill, resigned, and the place has been temporarily filled by Mr. R. H. Feild, son of Alex J. Feild. Mr. Dupree comes from Greenville. It will be probably two weeks before his family arrive.

An amendment was filed today for the charter of the Telfair Sanitarium of Greensboro. It changes the name to the Glenwood Park Sanitarium (Inc.) W. C. Ashworth is president of the corporation.

The funeral of the late Manly W. Tyree, who died suddenly Saturday afternoon, was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence on Newbern avenue, Rev. T. W. O'Kelly, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. There was an especially beautiful floral design from the Photographer's Association of America, which Mr. Tyree had served with marked ability both as secretary and later as president. There were also special floral tributes from the Durham and the Raleigh Rotary clubs. The pallbearers were Albert L. Cox, F. M. Jolly, E. B. Crow, Bernard L. Crocker, W. H. Bagley and Walter Holliday, the latter of Durham.

### AGED WOMAN FAR FROM HOME PENNILESS AND FRIENDLESS

**Had Been Employed as Solicitor by "American Rescue Workers."**

(Special Star Correspondence).

Newbern, N. C., Jan. 3.—With not a penny of money and far from home, an aged white woman, who claims to be from Weldon, N. C., arrived in Newbern expecting to find here representatives of the American Rescue Workers, by whom she claims to have been sent out on a soliciting tour. Hungry and friendless the aged woman walked around the streets until some benevolent gentleman, inquired as to her plight and learned her condition, after which she was turned over to the Salvation Army to be cared for.

According to the story told by the woman, whose name is withheld on account of the fact that she is from a family who were once well to do but who have been left stranded on the shoals of poverty by conditions over which they had no control, she a few weeks ago met a representative of the organization for whom she was working and they offered her a position as alms seeker and she accepted this.

Representatives were to meet the woman here or to send her a letter but upon arrival she found neither. This organization has gotten in ill repute in nearby towns and when the woman "worked" those places she failed to secure assistance and what little money she had on hand was spent in paying for the necessities of life.

Arrangements have been made by Captain Von Emond, commander of the local branch of the Salvation Army, to send the woman back to her home at Weldon.

### BELIEVES IN CHURCH SIGNS

**Dr. B. W. Spilman Makes Some Striking Remarks of Interest.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Jan. 3.—"I believe in publicity and plenty of it," said Dr. B. W. Spilman, the famous Sunday school worker of the Baptist church, here today. Dr. Spilman was defending the use of electric signs by churches. He told of a Disciples of Christ minister, who came here some years ago and blundered into a Baptist church by mistake. "The deacon who was to have conducted the service had the visitor preaching before he knew wehre he was at," said Dr. Spilman. "I run around and see thousands of churches which impress me as being owned by congregations who care very little to let people know that they are in business. Not a sign of any kind to tell people what church worships there. A grocer who does business that way is not 'on to the job.'"

### FIRE LOSS IS $60,000.

**Flames at Gordonsville, Va., Checked After 12 Buildings Burn.**

Gordonsville, Va., Jan. 3.—Fire which threatened to destroy the entire business section of Gordonsville early today was checked by the timely arrival of the Charlottesville fire department. More than a dozen buildings containing store rooms with residences above were burned. The damage is estimated at $60,000, partly covered by insurance. A special train brought the firemen from Charlottesville shortly before 2 o'clock. They immediately directed their efforts saving the National Bank and postoffice buildings, adjoining each other. The roof of the bank was burned but the two buildings were saved. The fire was brought under control by 3 o'clock.

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# SECURED $110,000 BY PADDING THE PAYROLL

## Charge Against Man Wanted at Hopewell Denied by Him.

**V. W. Pugh, Alias F. M. Scott, Arrested at Croatan, N. C., Held in Jail at Rocky Mount Fighting Extradition to Virginia.**

Rocky Mount, N. C., Jan. 3.—A man alleged to be F. M. Scott, alias V. W. Pugh, was arrested by detectives at Croatan, N. C., late yesterday on a charge of having been implicated in the misappropriation of approximately $40,000 from the DuPont Powder Company. The officers said Pugh was employed in the auditing department of the corporation's office in Hopewell, Va., until recently. Pugh, who was lodged in jail here, denied the charge and has retained counsel to oppose his extradition to Virginia.

The authorities tonight asserted the prisoner had admitted to them that he was Pugh and that formerly he was employed by the Dupont Powder Company, as an auditor. It was said the corporation lost in excess of $100,000 through the "padding" of the payroll at the Hopewell plant and that of this amount Pugh is charged with having obtained about $40,000. Detectives declare that several other persons were implicated in the embezzlement and that the search for them is being continued in Virginia and North Carolina.

### TRAILED BY DETECTIVES.

**Arrested at Croatan Lodge—Newbern Officers Assist.**

(Special Star Telegram.)

Newbern, N. C., Jan. 3.—After a chase covering a period of several weeks, V. M. Pugh, alias F. M. Scott, was placed under arrest at Croatan yesterday morning on a warrant charging him with being implicated in a plot to pad the payroll of the DuPont Powder Company, at DuPont City, Va., thereby securing the sum of $110,000.

Six others besides Pugh, alias Scott, were said to be implicated in this plot and all of these had been apprehended. Pugh, however, had gotten away and a search at Fayetteville, Wilmington and other points had failed to locate him. A few days ago detectives, through shipments of whiskey, traced Pugh to Croatan. Knowing that he was a dangerous man, they decided to use care in making the arrest and first came to Newbern where they were joined by officers who went to the scene and assisted them in taking the man into custody.

The fugitive, half drunk, was brought to Newbern and kept at a local hotel until Sunday evening when he, in custody of his captors, left for Virginia via Rocky Mount, at which place Pugh became sober enough to protest against being arrested without extradition papers. Pugh, while here declared that he was innocent of the crime with which he is charged and stated that he was being made a "catspaw" of by men "higher up."

### HIS OWN "HARD LUCK".

**Charged With Robbery of $165,000, Pugh is Taken Through Goldsboro.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 3.—Detectives passed through this city last night en route to City Point, Va., with a young white man by the name of Pugh, who was wanted in the Virginia city for the theft of $165,000 from the office of the DuPont Powder Company, so it is alleged. At the time of his arrest, which occurred at a fishing lodge near Newbern, it is said, Pugh had several hundred thousands of dollars secreted in a trunk in his possession, which was taken in charge of the officers.

Young Pugh was very talkative during the wait between trains last night at the depot, but when approached on the subject of the robbery only smiled and stated that was his own hard luck. Several shook hands with the young man and told him goodbye before the train left.

### SEVERAL ARRESTS MADE.

**Another Alleged V. M. Pugh Arrested at Milledgeville, Ga.**

Hopewell, Va., Jan 3. — Chief of Police Cotton has been notified of the arrest in Milledgeville, Ga., of a man alleged to be V. M. Pugh, a former resident of Petersburg, who is charged with complicity in the recent swindle at the Du Pont works. Several arrests have been made in this connection.

### DEATH OF MRS. MARY R. BAKER

**Daughter of Former Wilmington Family at Her Home in Winchester.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Clinton, N. C., Jan. 3.—News has been received here of the death in Waynesboro, Va., of Mrs. Mary Rivera (Pierce) Baker, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. William Glass. Mrs. Baker was in the 65th year of her age and was the widow of the late William Hartmann Baker, of Winchester, Va., and second daughter of the late Louis H., and Laura P. Pierce, of Wilmington, N. C. She leaves to mourn their loss three daughters, Mrs. Thomas J Holt, of Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. William Glass, of Waynesboro, Va., and Miss Mary P. Baker, of Winchester, Va., and two sisters and one brother, Miss Irene Pierce, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Edgar M. Rogers and Mr. Louis H. Pierce, both of Clinton, N. C.

The remains of Mrs. Baker were taken to Winchester, Va., and interred by the side of her husband, the formal services being conducted from Christ church. Mrs. Baker was born and raised in Wilmington, N. C., and lived there until the civil war broke out, when she came to Clinton with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary A. Rivera and lived there until she went to live with her uncle, Mr. W. L. Townshend, where she married Mr. W. H. Baker.

### PASSPORT BRANCH OPENS.

**First Office of Kind in This Country Established at New York.**

New York, Jan. 3.—The government's new branch office of the passport division of the Bureau of Citizenship, the first of its kind, was opened here today with Walter W. LeMat, assistant to Chief Flourney, of the Bureau of Citizenship, in charge. About 125 persons applied for passports during the day. If the work of the New York branch, designed to prevent fraudulent use of American passports abroad, proves successful, similar branches will be opened in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, San Francisco, New Orleans and other cities.

# THEATRICAL

There is a treat in store for all lovers of music, fun, and pretty girls, for the Harry Stewart Musical Comedy Company has just been booked to play the Academy of Music for two nights commencing January 10 and 11. The company is headed by that well known comedian, Harry Stewart, who has been appearing in late Broadway successes and he is supported by a company of twenty people.

Including Miss Billie Fay, the little girl with the big voice, who has been

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headlining shows in all the big vaudeville houses; also Miss Minnie Denmond, who made herself famous with her clever character, impersonation, Miss Berneice McFarriss, the personality girl with the tantilizing eyes, late with the Town Topic Company. Mr. James Corbley late star with "Bringing Up Father" company. Solly Brilliant, who has been a favorite in the big cities for his cleverness and the great California baritone, Matt Kennedy, and a beauty chorus of 12 pretty Broadway dancing girls with special scenery and gorgeous costumes for each production.

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A Stirring Scene From "Lord John at New York," Great Four-Reel Feature Bijou Today.

There will be a complete change of show each night.

The opening bill will be the two-act musical comedy "A Call for Volunteers," which was written for laughing purposes only. The prices will be 25 cents, 35 cents and 50 cents. General admission 25 cents. Tickets will go on sale at Plummer's Friday.

**Big Feature at Grand.**

Today's is a big feature at the Grand. The bill is headed by a great three-reel Essanay feature, "The River of Romance," one of the best three-reel feature dramas of a year, starring John Lorenz, Charles Ashley, Elizabeth Tinder and Charles W. Racy.

The adventures of a young engineer, who starts out on a railway survey and runs a line that leads him to his future wife, makes this stirring romance an interesting one. The scenery of this feature is among the most picturesque seen in any photoplay, feature or otherwise, in several months, and adds materially to the enjoyment of witnessing the production, in which interest is not allowed to lag for a single instant during its entire run of three-quarters of an hour.

"Locked In" is a tense little single reel drama, which utilized a massive bank vault in the telling of a thrilling story, and stars Earle Foxe, Edwin Wallock, Fred Hearn and William Scott.

Inimitable Billy Reeves, presents "His Wife's New Lid," great scream. There's an immense lot of good clean-cut fun in this number, and it is one that will appeal to everyone.

**Big Day at the Bijou.**

Today is the biggest day of twelve months at the Bijou—absolutely—and the crowds will doubtless be up to capacity all afternoon and evening. The great serial "The Broken Coin" comes today, of course, and that always packs 'em in.

But today's real big feature is the opening story of that great series of filmizations of the great stories written by A. N. and A. M. Williamson, which are now appearing in McClure's Magazine. The first story "Lord John in New York," appeared in December McClure's, and so great was the interest in these stories, that there is not a copy left on any of the news stands in Wilmington—and there are six in the city. That shows what the stories are.

And the photoplays which have been made from them star that popular Universal favorite "Billy" Garwood in the leading role, supported by a remarkable company including beautiful Stella Razeto. The first one at the Bijou today—"Lord John in New York" is in four great reels, and contains more action, more interest and more genuine worth than any four reel feature you've seen anywhere at any time. They are absolutely the high water mark in photoplays.

Six great reels at the Bijou today—you won't be able to get in unless you come early. It starts at 11 o'clock this morning.

**"The Two Orphans"—Royal.**

"The Two Orphans" has long been known as a classic of the stage. But now are picturized as a William Fox photoplay, it is seen in a new form, and is to be presented at the Royal today, starring a great cast headed by Theda Bara, Jean Sothern, Herbert Brennon and William E. Shay.

The film version differs from the stage version in power, life and color, and calls for an exceptional cast of photoplay stars. Adolphus D'Ennery, the author of this world-famous drama, would hardly recognize his play as produced for the screen so vital and virile a thing has it become through the skillful direction of Herbert Brennon.

The part of Henriette is a radical departure form the Vampire parts with which Miss Bara's name has become associated both here and in Paris, where she was leading woman of the Theatre Antoine. Her splendid artistry, however, renders the French actress capable of giving an unusually powerful rendition of the character and she succeeds admirably in bringing out the deep emotional side of Henriette.

"The Two Orphans" is an exceptionally strong offering, and should be seen by large crowds today at the Royal.

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Those who wake up with bad breath, coated tongue, nasty taste or have a dull, aching head, sallow complexion, acid stomach; others who are subject to bilious attacks or constipation, should obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store. This will cost very little, but is sufficient to demonstrate the value of inside bathing. Those who continue it each morning are assured of pronounced results, both in regard to health and appearance.

### HAM BENTON IS DEAD.

**Goldsboro Negro Fatally Shot by Officer Whom He Attacked.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 3.—Ham Benton, the negro man who was shot down in this city Saturday night by Officer Hart of the local police force, when he resisted arrest and assaulted the officer with a knife, died Sunday night at a hospital following an operation. Benton was beating his wife when the officer interfered. The coroner has not yet held an inquest but it is quite sure Officer Hart will be exonerated from any blame.

### WON'T ACCEPT INCREASE.

**Mill Operatives Want More Than 5 Per Cent Raise in Wages.**

Nashua, N. H., Jan. 3.—Union cotton mill operatives throughout New England will not accept the 5 per cent wage increase which many manufacturers announced would go into effect today, according to a statement made here today by John Golden, of Fall River, president of the United Textile Workers. Union operatives, Golden said, have for some time been considering a demand for a 10 per cent increase.

### ACCIDENT PROVES FATAL

**Mr. W. B. Butler, of Cumberland, Dies of Gun Shot Wounds.**

Cedar Creek, N. C., Jan. 3.—Mr. H. W. Butler, of Beaver Dam township, Cumberland county, died last night of wounds accidentally received from a shotgun last Thursday while hunting. Mr. Butler is survived by his wife, his parents and several brothers and sisters. The funeral will be held at White Oak Tuesday at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Butler, Mr. Cogdell and Mr. T. J. Purdie were hunting birds in the lower part of the county, when Mr. Butler, who was separated from his companions, received a full charge of shot in one side of his head. He was concealed by tall broom straw in which he was standing when a covey of partridges arose, and his companions fired without being aware of his proximity. Every attention was given and all possible aid rendered by Dr. K. G. Averitt,, but he succumbed to his wounds last night.

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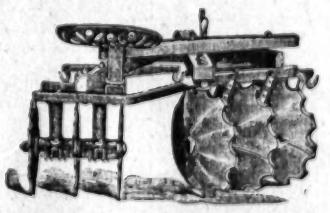

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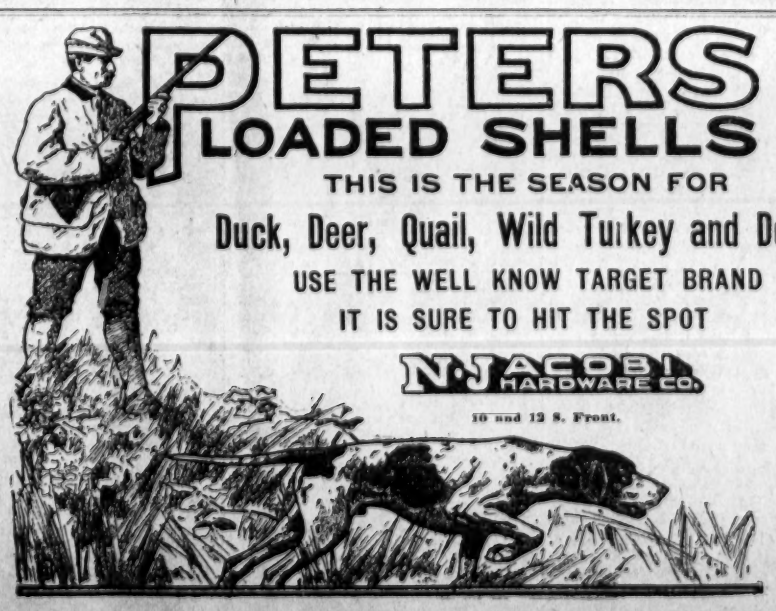

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Many a man tries to encourage others when he is discouraged himself.

Nobody knows what a day may bring forth, so preparedness of all sorts is better than unpreparedness.

It is not so much what the other fellow has not done in office, but it's what more we could do than he has been able to do.

In man the ruling passion is strong in death. He even wants a doctor to sit up with him so he won't have to go to his long home

According to the Washington correspondent of the Detroit News, most of us have been mistaken or misled as to Henry Ford's plan and purpose.

It is stated that the United States has one-fourth of the world's gold. That is a big showing, but Republicans will put the blame on Wilson for not getting the other three-fourths.

Dr. Caroline M. Purcell says a woman reaches her highest stage of efficiency at 50 years of age, but, of course, all men know that a woman won't quit being efficient if things are not going right.

Mr. William Waldorf Astor, formerly a multi-millionaire American, has been created a baron in England, to which he transferred his allegiance a few years. This shows that the descendant of a peddler can sooner or later secure recognition if he gets rich and behaves himself.

The Durham Herald inquires: "Wonder how long some of those fellows will believe in rotation if they happen to land." For some decades the invariable rule has been that a man who favors rotation till he lands an office doesn't see that there is any further use of rotation.

A community uplifter remarks: "A neighborhood should be like one family." Of course, it depends upon what kind of family it is to be like. No community would want to be like a family in which neutrality and tranquility are violated by first one and then another.

"Give me a license to marry the best girl in the world," said a young man who applied for a marriage license in a distant city. Of course, the clerk was powerless to do that, for there are so many girls of that kind in North Carolina that it is a difficult thing for any man to make a choice.

Old Dobbin used to be dragged out to the boneyard, but it is now permissible for him to wind up his career in the meat stalls of New York. So far as horse flesh is concerned, we say neigh, neigh, Pauline, but if we don't go to raising cattle, hogs, sheep, goats and other meat animals in North Carolina, we are liable at any time to have hack horse sausage and canned filly put off on us by New York packers. This is the last scream in the way of a reason why North Carolina should develop the livestock industry.

The Cape Fear News, Fayetteville's new daily, announces its acquisition of Mr. Asa Biggs, formerly editor of the Greenville Reflector. Mr. Biggs will be associate editor of The News, and certainly that paper has secured a young newspaper man who has demonstrated splendid talent for the grind. For eight months Mr. Biggs has edited the Greenville Reflector and his work on that paper speaks for itself. He is quite a young man, but he has seen lots of the world and has rubbed up against it in a trip more than twice around the world in Italian, Norwegian and German sailing ships. When the European war broke out he was working on a Berlin paper that is printed in English, but the outbreak of the war put the paper out of business. After an absence of five months from America, he came back and made straight for North Carolina. Let us hope he will find his opportunity here and no more be disposed to become a globe trotter.

## THE MEDITERRANEAN TRAGEDY

Comment upon the sinking of the British passenger ship Persia in the Mediterranean sea last Thursday, can but be one more expression of the horror and indignation that keeps on accumulating in the United States on account of the seemingly unending brutality of the war in Europe. Taking it for granted that the Persia was sent to the bottom by an enemy submarine and with her were destroyed the lives of many non-combatants, women and children and neutrals, it can but be regarded as one more crime against humanity.

For us it is particularly distressing that among the probable victims of the disaster was Mr. Robert Ney McNeely, a North Carolinian, who was on his way to Aden, Arabia, to represent the United States as Consul. It was only recently that Mr. McNeely was appointed consul and he was on a voyage of duty which called him through the Mediterranean danger zone. It is too utterly deplorable to contemplate what his fate is, and the poignant distress comes home to us in a more overwhelming sense since Mr. M. Pratt McNeely, a member of The Star staff, is a brother of the consul whose life seems to have been lost when a helpless passenger ship was sunk without warning and without any proffer of rescue. We fain would express the hope that Consul McNeely possibly may have survived, but at this writing that seems to be hoping against hope. In any event, the people of Wilmington and all North Carolina are deeply sensible of the misfortune that has overtaken Mr. McNeely and along with all America we are shocked at the tragedy which has followed so swiftly upon the torpedoing of the steamship Ancona.

Recurrence of these tragic outrages tend to intensify the already wrought up feeling in this country and it strains the existing tension which has been held in leash by the forbearance of President Wilson and the patience of the American people. No civilized people can justify such wanton attacks on ships not engaged in hostilities, and explanations, apologies and indemnities cannot make such warfare less infamous in the eyes of the civilized world.

Whatever may have been the nature of the attack on the Persia, or whatever the cause of the disaster, it is a horrifying incident of war, and it is one more tragedy which is all but stifling every vestige of sympathy for those who are responsible for them and do not hasten to realize that they must be disavowed and such warfare abandoned in the name of humanity. In all probability this last catastrophe will not prove a bar to the conciliatory understanding practically agreed on between our government and that of Austria, but no understanding whatever can blot out the record of barbarity made by undersea craft seemingly commanded by demons.

Horrifying incidents themselves may be propitiated or atoned for, but the stain is one which will be ineffaceable from the pages of the world's history.

## BUTLER'S RETURN

The whole State seems to be greatly interested in the Washington report that former United States Senator Marion Butler, whilom Populist and later Republican, will return to North Carolina and go into the campaign this year with a view to carrying the State Republican so he can go back to the Senate. It is said that Butler has been concocting a rural credits scheme and that his plot is to invade the State and catch the farmer vote with it.

It may be so and it may not be so that Butler is seeking to play a return engagement, but it is pretty safe to say that he will campaign in the State for spite whether it has any effect or not. He does not love the North Carolina Democracy and it does not take the least bit of stock in him. In the last campaign he filled up on bear meat, came down into Tarheeldom and wanted to eat up all the Democratic campaigners. He challenged any or all of them to a joint debate, but his challenge was ignored. He wanted a chance to chew the rag, and the fact is, Marion has become so adder-like that he certainly strikes out viciously in his old age. Tom Bost, the Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro News, has been feeling sentiment around the State Capital as to Butler's threatened return, and here is the way he says it is taken by Democrats and Republicans who are in a position to speak:

"Raleigh Republicans are hacked as Democratic leaders are happy over the recent Washington story that Marion Butler will return to the State to aid in the Republican campaign of this year. Th Raleigh Republicans have a single hope and that it is the inaccuracy of teh rumor. When your correspondent wrote early in September that the Democrats had received some sort of a warning that Butler is to come back and that the election laws and books need repairs, Major George Butler and others quieted their fears with interviews and denials.

"Twice since then additional evidences have been offered this department but not used. The Democrats fear that the news is too good to be true. They know perfectly well that if Ex-Senator Butler does return the Republican opposition is utterly wrecked, for the Settles, Skinners, Duncans, Owens, Holtons, Pritchards, Reynolds and Martins will not again work with him. The party would not be recognizable.

"Since Senator Butler does not specify in his charge who are those 'certain Democratic machine Republicans who have fixed up a personal slate of silence and division', I do not think I should be forced to offend personally,' one of them said last night, 'but I think I know what the Republicans who have always worked for the party and for the credit of the State when it was at stake, no matter who was in power, think of his obtrusion of himself again into State politics. I have had some pretty, bitter political enemies within my own party, but I never heard one man who did not lament, when he talked at all, any sign that Senator Butler contemplated returning to the State.

"'I don't belong to any party factions and never did. I am as confident that we had beaten the State Democrats in 1910 as I am that we will beat them in the nation in 1916. I am also confident that we shall beat the State Democratic ticket in 1916 if we can go to the people with the record of the Democracy weighting down its candidates shouldering it, rather than bearing broken backs as we shall have, carrying Marion Butler with us.'"

We don't know whether or not Butler is a good thing to have around, but if Tom Bost tells it right, the Republicans rather consider him a peril than a reincarnated Moses. The Democrats certainly ought not to fear him, for it would revive some ancient history which Butler helped to make reek with infamy. Every time a North Carolinian who really loves his State even stops to think of Butler it ought to make him a Democrat. The party which redeemed the State from the hands of the Butler crowd certainly ought to hold the loyalty of every man who is proud of his State.

## THE INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES

News from Raleigh is to the effect that the recent order by the Interstate Commerce Commission granting leave to the railroads to increase or readjust their freight rates in South Atlantic territory is considered detrimental to the commercial interests of North Carolina. Governor Craig is looking into the matter and there is a hint that the freight rate fight in this State will be renewed with all the organized intenseness which brought about what was a fairly satisfactory settlement a couple of years ago.

The chief complaint of North Carolina again is that the new rates will be discriminatory against this State and place a severe handicap on her agricultural, commercial and industrial development. Those interests, it is claimed, will suffer detriment under the new tariffs which went into effect January 1, and if so there will be nothing short of a big fight on the part of North Carolinians from the seacoast to the mountains. In an editorial yesterday the Raleigh News and Observer strongly condemns the increase of rates and declares that there is no justification for them. The Raleigh paper declares that "there is trouble ahead," and goes on to say:

"Rates which went into effect on the first of January were not upon all lines of goods, disposition of numbers of others being left over till the first of August. The proposal to increase the rates on additional articles should be fought, and there should be a fight to have set aside the increase order which went into effect on the first of January. In the interview which Governor Craig gave out concerning the injustice being done North Carolina there is a call to action which should be heeded. Unless our people make themselves heard the business interests of this State, the people of this State, will suffer from the imposition of freight rates which we regard as being indefensible."

We are not prepared to speak of the discrimination which is complained of, particularly in favor of Virginia points, but Governor Craig and the State Freight Rate Association will have to make a survey of the situation and be prepared to take an authoritative position. North Carolina demands justice in the matter, and it is either square deal or fight.

The Savannah News expresses satisfaction that the new tariffs will benefit that port. Students of freights in the city express he opinion that the Georgia port will be benefitted by the new rates. They effect all railroad territory south of the Potomac river and east of the Mississippi. The readjustment is fought by Atlanta, Birmingham and other large interior distributing points.

## A WOMAN'S WORK FOR THE STATE

The shortest cut to efficiency is through organization and it is through organization that practical and effective results are going to be secured for the agricultural and rural interests of North Carolina and other Southern states. Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, North Carolina's State agent in the home economics work of the agricultural extension service, believes firmly in that and she is not only a capital organizer but a most earnest and efficient worker.

She came back inspired from her trip to Washington where she attended a recent conference of all the state agents engaged in propagandistic and demonstration work. These women gathered from 15 Southern states to discuss questions pertaining to their organizations and their work among rural women and girls. Their attendance and keen interest show that they take the work seriously and their conference renewed their zeal for the great cause which they are promoting. They are systemizing their work and inspiring each other, so that the work of 1916 will be the greatest ever undertaken throughout the South.

It is a South-wide movement and North Carolina is not going to be left in any particular. The reports made at that Washington conference showed the progress that already has been made among the women and girls on the farms. One North Carolina county reported 35 live home demonstration clubs for women, while every township in the county had organized girls canning clubs. In home canning North Carolina led all other states and that shows how the cause is progressing under Mrs. McKimmon's active work.

Says the New York World: "We hate to spoil the Colonel's Christmas, but it is a well known fact in Washington that President Wilson never reads anything that the Colonel says about him or pays the slightest attention to the Colonel's criticism." Doubtless, the President is always too busy to read paid matter unless there is something in it.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

A very interesting event of Sunday in the ancient city is the unveiling of the Flagler statue in the railway park. Henry M. Flagler was among the greatest men of the century in which he lived and worked, and St. Augustine, which has some of the finest monuments to his brain and his faith in Florida, is one of the places where a memorial is most appropriate. The originator and builder of the great Flagler System of railways and hotels and the master mind that conceived and saw carried into effect the most wonderful railway in the world, the Florida East Coast extension, needs no memorial so far as thinking people of the South are concerned, yet it is not amiss to have this bronze statue made, and preserved to be shown to future generations as Florida's greatest and truest friend.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Says former Governor J. Hoge Tyler in an article furnished the Roanoke World-News: "I believe it to be a fact that the majority of the people of this country at this time have been somewhat swept from their feet by the wave of militarism that has swept over them, and there is danger of the country going too far in this direction, and it would be difficult to ever retrace our steps once we are thoroughly committed to that course." Governor Tyler is unduly alarmed. The danger, as it appears to us, is that the people of this country have not been sufficiently aroused. For every militarist like Colonel Roosevelt and some of the army and navy officers there is a pacifist like William J. Bryan and Claude Kitchin. Between the two the nation is likely to approach an equilibrium of common sense, and any digression therefrom to be in the direction of too little rather than too much preparedness.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot

The information which has been received at Washington indicates that Mr. R. N. McNelly, on his way to Aden to take up the duties of the consulate to which he was recently appointed, lost his life in the torpedoing of the Persia. The unofficial advices from London are that the steamer was attacked without warning, while a report from Alexandria is to the effect that an officer aboard the Persia saw the torpedo on its way to the ship. Leaving out comment on the character of the attack, The Observer would this morning voice the deep regret that will be manifested throughout North Carolina over the death of Mr. McNeely. He had served in the Legislature, most signally, we believe, in 1909 and the State-wide primary bill was introduced by him in the Senate of the last Legislature. He was what is known as a "quiet member," the Legislature having nearly run its course before he had introduced a bill of any kind. Independence of character was one of his earliest characteristics, and this was in manifestation shortly after he entered the State University when he took up the occupation of barber to the students, by which he was able to largely pay his way through the term. The term of "good citizen" fitted Mr. McNeely in all the walks of life. He was a man of fine address and was known and admired for his sterling character.—Charlotte Observer.

In the face of the cables of last night there is no room left to doubt that Robert Ney McNeely, of Monroe, is dead, one of those whose lives were swallowed up in the Mediterranean when the British liner Persia went down, the victim of a torpedo from a submarine. The death of Mr. McNeely brings home to this State in a more intimate degree than ever before the horrors of the submarine warfare which by its inhumanity has marked the progress of naval warfare of the belligerents of Europe. Just appointed American Consul to Aden, Arabia, Mr. McNeely was of that type of man to give assurance that he would add to a career already marked by achievement, success in the consular branch of our government. Thirty-two years old, a University graduate, a lawyer of ability, once representing his county in the House and once a member of the State Senate, he was a young man of whom the State could well be proud. North Carolina will grieve deeply because of the death of Consul Robert Ney McNeely, and with confidence it looks to the authorities at Washington for a reckoning with that power which brought an end to his life, if it be shown that international law and humanity have been outraged. That Consul McNeely's brother, C. Dowd McNeely, of Waxhaw, was not a passenger on the Persia, is a matter of gratification, for his name, too, might have been in the list of the lost. The heartfelt sympathy of all North Carolina goes out to the home circle which is saddened by the death of Consul McNeely.—Raleigh News and Observer.

## WESLEY BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT HAS HAD REMARKABLE GROWTH

**Since Adopted by General Conference Five Years Ago at Asheville.**

(Special Star Correspondence).

Duke, N. C., Jan. 3.—The meeting of the Wesley Bible classes of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, scheduled for Fayetteville January 19-20, calls attention to the fact that this department of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, has had a remarkable growth. It was at Asheville in this State that this movement was launched by the Methodists. The General Conference meeting in that city in May of 1910 unanimously decided that this organized Bible Class movement must be recognized and fostered by the church. Dr. Chas. Bulla, a member of the Baltimore Conference, was appointed to superintend the new department.

In five years time this new department of the Sunday school work in the Methodist church has enrolled over six thousand classes of men and women and teen age girls and boys; the membership numbers upward of two hundred thousand. There has not been an equal growth in any department of the church.

In the North Carolina Conference, which covers the 56 eastern counties of this State, there are nearly four hundred such classes with a membership of ten thousand. Four years ago there were just six of these classes thus organized and enrolled. The work of these classes has something to do with the fact that during the recent session of the conference at Wilmington, the largest net growth ever shown in the Sunday schools of the conference was reported, there being a net gain of more than 6,100.

The meeting in Hay Street Church, Fayetteville, will be attended by more than three hundred prominent preachers and laymen from all over the North Carolina conference.

## WILSON NEWS NOTES

**Mr. W. H. Pridgen Dead—Convicts Express Appreciation of Parole.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Jan. 3.—Steps are being taken looking forward toward the organization of another bank to be located at Spring Hope. At a meeting of interested business men of that hustling town over $10,000 of the capital stock was subscribed and a committee was appointed to secure the remainder. It is proposed to organize with capital of $25,000 and the stockholders to pay $125 for the stock, putting $25 a share into the surplus. Several Rocky Mount men are interested in the new enterprise.

W. H. Pridgen, a prominent merchant of Elm City died Friday night at midnight, following an illness of several weeks. Mr. Prid leaves a son, Wilton Pridgen, of Raleigh, and two daughters, Mrs. W. A. Acres, of Roanoke Rapids, and Mrs. B. F. Barnes, of Elm City. The funeral service was held Saturday afternoon.

Sheriff Howard Rowe has received reports from the convict camps concerning the Christmas holiday given the trusties in accordance with the request of Governor Craig. Five men were permitted to spend the three days at their homes and all of them returned to the camps promptly. These men requested Sheriff Rowe to write Governor Craig and express their appreciation of his kindness.


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# NOTHING DONE ABOUT FARM DEMONSTRATOR

## County Commissioners Refer Matter to Committee.

**Board Urged to Retain Mr. J. P. Herring—Chairman McGirt Submits His Annual Report—Other Business.**

The retention of Mr. J. P. Herring, county farm demonstrator of New Hanover, was strongly advocated by Mr. Hugh MacRae and Mr. Z. W. Whitehead at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon but the Board did not see fit to take any action on the matter and it was referred to a special committee composed of Commissioners Willard and Kerr, who are to report at a special meeting next Monday. This committee will also look into the advisability of employing a trained nurse for the county home as recommended by the Board of Health at its last meeting.

Chairman McGirt submitted his annual report giving a resume of what has been done on the county roads and in the different county institutions during the past year. This will be printed in pamphlet form along with the financial report of Auditor Orrell.

Sheriff Cowan was granted an extension of time until April 1 for the settlement of the taxes due the county. The time named by the statute for the settlement is January 1 but it was pointed out as being practically impossible to settle now because it would have necessitated the advertising of delinquents on November 1 of the preceding year, which was in the midst of the tax collecting season. The advertising lists are now being prepared and will be published on February 1, which will give two months for winding up matters.

Upon motion of Commissioner Willard, the clerk was authorized to write Governor Craig a letter respectfully commending his recent action in asking that trusties be given a three-day vacation during the holidays.

That Mr. Herring is a peculiarly valuable man as a farm demonstrator was the opinion of Mr. Hugh MacRae, who urged that the commissioners make some satisfactory arrangements by which they can keep him in his present position. Mr. MacRae pointed out that three years ago Mr. Herring had purchased an automobile for $900 and that the expense of operating it had been $25 a month. His salary during that time had been $1,200 a year. With his machine now worn out, Mr. MacRate showed that for his services Mr. Herring had really received only about $600 a year and he thought it hardly possible to expect a man to do the kind of work Mr. Herring is doing for that salary.

An automobile is a necessity for his work, he declared, and some arrangements should be made by which he can have the use of one. He did not advocate that the county buy one but suggested that a way be provided by which Mr. Herring can buy it and let the county pay rent on it when it is used for looking after the farm demonstration work. Mr. MacRae spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Herring's work and declared that he is a most valuable man and it would be nothing short of misfortune to let him go.

Mr. Whitehead, editor of the Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal, endorsed what Mr. MacRae had said and pointed out as an additional reason why he should be retained the fact that last spring the truckers had received low prices for their products and this had had a tendency to upset the co-operative work recently inaugurated in New Hanover. He thought that it would be a bad time to make a change now as Mr. Herring is thoroughly conversant with the situation and a new man of necessity would require some time to acquaint himself with the duties of the position.

Commissioner Willard called attention to the fact that New Hanover is now paying more for a farm demonstrator than any other county in the State. The commissioners did not want to purchase another machine, he stated. All the members of the Board assured Messrs. MacRae and Whitehead that they had no idea of stopping the work. Later in the session it was decided to refer the matter to a special committee.

Commissioner Willard suggested that perhaps it would be a good idea to put the farm demonstrator in charge of the farm at the county home and let him have an assistant. He thought that this might prove to be a good arrangement. Commission Moore also seemed to be favorably impressed with the idea. The special committee will look into matter and make report at the meeting Monday.

The action of Sheriff Cowan in taking along a deputy to assist him in bringing Allen Pearsall, a colored convict, from New York State to complete a term on the New Hanover roads came in for some rather severe criticism from members of the Board. An affidavit was read in which Sheriff Cowan declared that it was necessary for him to have an assistant in handling a negro of Pearsall's type. The Board, however, was of the opinion that he should have been able to look after the convict by himself.

The applications of Messrs. William Gregerson and William M. Kenly for the position of farm demonstrator were placed on file.

The contract of J. A. McNorton, Esq., for collecting back taxes was approved. It was for one year and he is to receive a commission of 15 per cent. for amounts up to $15 and 10 per cent. for amounts above this sum when collected without suit and when suit is instituted he is to have 25 per cent. for amounts up to $15 and 20 per cent. for amounts above this sum.

Commissioner Moore exhibited maps of the recent survey of manufacturing sites on the county home property which was made by Mr. W. K. Allen, C. E. The sites have been arranged to as to have water frontage on Smith's Creek and also so as to adjoin the spur track of the Atlantic Coast Line. The sites are to be sold at reasonable prices to manufacturers desiring to locate plants in Wilmington.

The annual report of Chairman McGirt is as follows:

"The Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Gentlemen:

"I beg to submit herein my report for the year ending November 30th, 1915, with recommendations for your consideration. This report does not show the work in detail, but only a brief summary. For a more detailed report of what has been accomplished during the year, I would respectfully refer you to

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# TO SPEAK HERE THIS WEEK

**Mrs. Charles R. Pancoast Will Tell of Her Work in Hospital at Tokio, Japan.**

It will be of interest to many to know that Mrs. Charles R. Pancoast, of Philadelphia, will speak at several meetings this week in behalf of St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio, Japan. This hospital is among the very best in all the Orient.

It is established to provide a modern hospital for foreign residents and travelers in the Far East; to dispense more freely aid to the sick and suffering poor of Tokio, hundreds of whom must be refused treatment every month because of lack of facilities to serve them in the present hospital; to furnish a modern hospital in Japan; to establish a central point for the study of Oriental diseases and scientific research, and also to cement by international co-operation and a living, working organization the friendship between Japan and America; to illustrate by demonstration practical Christianity; to fit and train Christian nurses and doctors to go forth well prepared to minister to the sick and with the ability to shed a permeating Christian influence for good.

It is necessary to have new buildings for all this work. His imperial majesty, the emperor of Japan, has given generously for this object and now a definite effort is being made all over the United States to complete the necessary fund for this purpose.

In a recent number of the "Churchman" is an account of a meeting in Washington as follows: "The chief speakers were Mrs. Chas. R. Pancoast, of Philadelphia; Dr. Rudolph Bolling Teusler, superintendent of the hospital, a cousin of Mrs. Galt, and Bishop Kinsolving, of Southern Brazil. Mrs. Pancoast exhibited stereopticon views of Japanese scenery and life and spoke effectively of the fine work now in progress at this hospital, not only as a medical institution, serving foreigners in the East, and the Japanese who seek its doors for medical and surgical treatment, but also as an efficient working instrument for promoting closer friendship between Japan and America and as an important and well recognized factor in international peace. It was this feature of the work that drew the President, busy cabinet officers and men and women distinguished in church and State and in society to attend this meeting and thus publicly demonstrate the kindly feelings of Americans for Japan."

Mrs. Pancoast will speak and show these pictures of Japan at the Victoria theatre, Thursday afternoon, January 6th, at 8 o'clock. At this lecture there will be no charge for admission. An opportunity will be given to all those who will help by making contributions to this splendid hospital.

### MR. LITTLE RETURNS

**Congressional Candidate Subject of Sketch in Charlotte Observer.**

Joseph W. Little, Esq., has returned from Charlotte and Mecklenburg county, where he visited relatives for several days. Sunday's Charlotte Observer has the following with reference to Mr. Little:

"Did you know that Mecklenburg has a candidate for Congress from the 'Bloody Sixth' district?

"He is Mr. Joseph Wallace Little, of Wilmington, a native of Mecklenburg county and for a short time a resident of this city. He left here in 1905 and since 1907 has been practicing law in the city by the sea. He studied law while he was in the employ of Hugh MacRae & Co., of that city, and has attained much success. Mr. Little is one of the six candidates for the place now held by Congressman Godwin. The latter has held the office for ten years and the friends of the other candidates are contending that the principle of rotation in office should be applied to him and his position.

"Mr. Little was in Charlotte yesterday on his way to visit relatives in the Long Creek section of the county. While he is a modest man, an admission was wrung from him that he considers his chances good and he expects to give a good account of himself in the contest that will soon warm up. The primaries will be held on the first Saturday in June, which falls on the 3d.

"Questioned as to the issues on which the respective candidacies are to be fought out, Mr. Little said that no well-defined issue has developed. He thinks it likely that the present issue of preparedness will be settled during the sessions of the approaching Congress.

"Mr. Little had the unique distinction of winning his license to practice law four months before the Supreme court could legally issue to him, because he was not of legal age. He has many friends in the county who will wish him well in the congressional contest."

### NEW CONTRACT MADE FOR REPORTING COURT PROCEEDINGS

**Mr. L. L. Motte Will Not Be Employed in Auditor's Office.**

Instead of devoting his entire time to reporting the court proceedings of New Hanover county and assisting Auditor Orrell in his office, Mr. L. L. Motte, who was recently appointed court stenographer, will do only court reporting at a smaller salary and Mr. W. F. King, the present clerk in the auditor's office, will continue in this position. The original contract was to pay Mr. Motte a salary of 125 a month but in consideration of the lessening of his duties, he will be paid under the new arrangements $75 a month.

The new contract was formally approved by the Board of Commissioners yesterday afternoon. It was pointed out that this would result in a saving of $450 a year over last year when the court stenographer was paid $112.50 a month.

Mr. Motte will devote all his time to court reporting and expects to open an office in the city. He will do reporting for the courts of Brunswick, Pender, Columbus and other nearby counties when he is not employed in New Hanover courts. Mr. Motte was appointed court stenographer on December 1 and has already moved to the city from Burgaw, where he formerly lived. Mr. Motte is a native of Wilmington and lived here in his boyhood days.

### SERVICES AT GRACE.

**Week of Prayer Being Observed by Methodist Church—Public Invited.**

The congregation of Grace Methodist church is observing the World's Week of Prayer and services will be held each night this week. There was a good attendance at the service last night and the pastor, Rev. M. T. Plyler, made a helpful address which was heard with much interest. There will be services tonight at 8 o'clock and the public is cordially invited.

# EXPLAINS NATURAL EDUCATION

**Mrs. Stoner Gives Practical Demonstration of How She Teaches Children—Large Attendance.**

Mrs. Winifred Sackville Stoner gave a practical demonstration of her method of teaching children at the Boys' Brigade armory last evening and explained the principles of natural education to a large and representative audience. She was assisted by Miss M. O. Hayes, who illustrated the Dunning method of teaching music.

"Wilmington has some wonderfully smart children," declared Mrs. Stoner. Little Misses Josephine Hinton, Imogene Etheridge and Catherine Call and several other children proved that her assertion was true for they readily learned facts in jingles with quickness and ease.

Mrs. Stoner declared that she had no system of education but that she did advocate certain principles which she believed should be put into practice in teaching children. She condemned the practice of waiting until a child reaches the age of six years to begin teaching him and pointed out that a child's education should really begin at the cradle and that before the age of 12 years is reached, he should be taught the languages. This can be easily accomplished, she said, because this is the memory period when the reason is dormant.

She illustrated her method of teaching the languages and geography with several children on the platform. The typewriter, the dictionary, the Chautauqua desk and the book of knowledge are the only things needed, she declared, to teach children.

The lecture by Mrs. Stoner was in response to the request of many Wilmington parents, who desired to gain some knowledge of the methods used by her in securing such wonderful results with children. However, Mrs. Stoner says there is nothing really very wonderful about her methods and showed that they are thoroughly practical and can be applied in teaching any child of normal gifts.

### CARLOAD OF CATTLE FOR NEW HANOVER FARMERS.

**Third to be Shipped Within Past Three Months—Thoroughbreds.**

The third carload of improved cattle to be shipped to New Hanover county within the past three months has arrived. They were shipped from Avondale, Pa., and there were 14 Holsteins and two Guernseys in the lot. The Guernseys were ordered for the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Montrose and have been sent to that place.

The cattle were secured through Mr. Alvin J. Reed, head of the animal division of the State Department of Agriculture, who was recently in New Hanover county. Mr. J. F. Herring, county farm demonstrator, has been active in the development of the cattle industry in this county and to him is due much credit for the fine progress that has been made.

Mr. Adolph Ahrens recently received a carload of Holsteins for his dairy and Mr. J. F. Klein has also received a car for his dairy. The car received here yesterday will be distributed to a number of farmers in the county. It is expected that other cattle will be shipped later.

Mr. Herring is enthusiastic over the outlook for the dairying business in the county. He believes that it will not be long until a co-operative creamery will be an established fact and has been busy in preparing the way for such an enterprise.

### CARGO FERTILIZER MATERIAL

**British Steamer Kylemohr Arrives in Port From Glasgow.**

The British steamer Kylemohr arrived in port yesterday morning from Glasgow, bringing a cargo sulphate of ammonia for one of the Wilmington fertilizer factories. She is now docked at the wharves of the Seaboard Air Line terminals where the cargo will be discharged. The Kylemohr is in charge of Captain McIntosh as master and is a vessel of 1,922 gross tons. She sailed from Glasgow December 10. The steamer is no stranger here, as she has frequented this port in the foreign trade for the past several years.

The British steamer Southgate, from Genoa for Wilmington, is expected also to reach this port within a few days, having sailed from Genoa November 27 and passed Gibraltar December 5. The steamer Hostilius, also flying the British flag, at present discharging a cargo of fertilizer material at the Seaboard terminals, will sail possibly today or tomorrow for New York and Boston. She arrived Sunday from Montevideo, Uruguay.

### TO REPAIR LIGHTSHIP.

**Government Vessel From Charleston Comes to Wilmington.**

Relief Lightship No. 53, of the government service, whose regular station is at Charleston, S. C., is expected to arrive in Wilmington today to go over to the marine railway for overhauling and repairs. This vessel has a crew of about 20 men and is used in relieving other lightships along the South Atlantic coast while they go for supplies or leave their stations for repairs. The relief ship has recently been stationed off the Cape Fear bar to take the place of the regular lightship, while it went to Charleston for repairs.

### WEEK OF PRAYER

**Services at Immanuel Presbyterian Church Last Night.**

There was a large congregation present at the special services at Immanuel Presbyterian church last night which was the first of a series to be held each night this week. There will be same phase of church work discussed at each of these services and prayers will be offered for their success. The meeting last night was in the interest of Christian education and ministerial relief and tonight the subject will be "Assembly's Home Missions." Rev. J. S. Crowley, the pastor, extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services.

**Mayor Moore Not Stockholder.**

Mayor P. Q. Moore states that he is not a stockholder in the Wilmington Shirt Company, a new enterprise which begins operations at an early date. It was stated last week that he was interested in the undertaking but this proved to be a mistake. Mayor Moore states that he is always interested in securing new manufacturing enterprises for Wilmington and hopes that all of them will prosper.

**Funeral of Mrs. Hines.**

The funeral of Mrs. W. H. Hines, whose death occurred Sunday night at her home, No. 706 Nixon street, will be conducted from the Church of the Good Shepherd this morning at 11 o'clock. The interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

### HANSON WAS WINNER.

**Defeated George Kilbane, Greek Wrestler, in Norfolk Last Night.**

Fritz Hanson, Wilmington's star wrestler, was the winner in a bout with George Kilbane, a Greek wrestler, in Norfolk, Va., last night, taking both falls. He won the first fall in 31 minutes with inside crotch hold and half Nelson and was very aggressive, keeping the other man on the defensive. He took the second fall in 15 minutes with double hammerlock and head scissors. The match was fast and aggressive throughout.

**Merchant Makes Assignment.**

J. C. Moore, who has been conducting a store at No. 609 Red Cross street, yesterday made an assignment of his stock of goods to Woodus Kellum, Esq., trustee, who is directed to dispose of them and after the payment of necessary expenses and making the exemptions as allowed by law, to distribute the proceeds among the creditors, according to their respective claims.

**Bowling Contest Tonight.**

In the regular weekly bowling contest at Capps' bowling alleys to be held tonight the five men holding the highest scores for the week are: Garrison 245; Toms 234; Davis, 225; Stokley, 223, and Pickard, 213. The public is invited to witness the tourney tonight.


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# TO CONDUCT MODEL MEETING

**George L. Mitchell, President of State C. E. Union, to Attend Rally in Greensboro.**

Mr. George L. Mitchell, of Wilmington, State president of the Christian Endeavor Society, will attend and conduct a model meeting as one of the features of the rally and district convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies of the northwestern part of the State, to be held in the new Church of the Covenant at Greensboro, January 15-16, according to announcement by Miss Florence E. Ledbetter, of Greensboro, press superintendent.

For the past three weeks representatives of the Greensboro societies have been busily engaged in perfecting plans for the gathering, the first meeting of which will be held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday, January 15, and will be in the nature of a junior rally.

The afternoon exercises will be under the supervision of Mrs. L. W. McFarland, of High Point, State superintendent of junior work in North Carolina. A very interesting and instructive programme is being arranged for this junior rally.

On Saturday evening, following the session of the convention, a reception will be held in honor of the visiting delegates, and for the purpose of becoming better acquainted.

Sunday morning, January 16th, Rev. R. Murphy Williams, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, will preach a special sermon to the Endeavorers. Sunday afternoon's session will begin at 2:30. This session will be given over to talks by various Endeavor expers on the theme of the convention, "Increase and Efficiency." Sunday night's session will close the convention, and at this time addresses will be delivered by several of the best speakers in Christian Endeavor work in the South.

The leading figure of the convention is Mr. Evans, of Louisville, Ky., field secretary of the Alf-South Extension Committee. He will be present at all the sessions; will deliver addresses on two or three occasions, and lead a conference on practical methods in Christian Endeavor work. Another prominent speaker will be Dr. Sylvester Newlin, now of High Point, N. C., but recently of Pasadena, Cal., one of the leading Christian Endeavor centers of the country.


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### BEFORE THE RECORDER.

**Large Number of Cases Up for Trial Yesterday—One Sent to Farm.**

Recorder Brooke G. Empie had a large number of cases to try yesterday, there having been no court on Saturday. Thomas Rouse, an old white man, was fined $25 for shooting at his daughter, who fortunately was not hit by the bullet. Grace Utley, colored, was sent to the county roads for 30 days on a charge of vagrancy. Three other negroes were found not guilty of similar charges.

Presly Goodman, colored, charged with the larceny of clothes from John McCoy, also colored, will be tried in Brunswick county, it having been shown that the alleged offense occurred in that county. W. B. Moore, white, was ordered to pay the costs for an assault on J. K. Smith. Charles DeLeach, colored, for a similar offense, was likewise taxed with the costs. Jeff Miller, colored, also paid the costs for an assault while Ed Williams, colored, charged with assault was found not guilty.

John Ashton, colored, paid the costs for assaulting George Johnson. Rosa Smith and Annie King, colored, charged with nuisance, and Ed Mosely, charged with assault on a female, were found not guilty.

May Potter, colored, was taxed with the costs in two old cases, they being for disorderly conduct and assaulting Butler Briggs.

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Miss Helen Houston, who spent the holidays in Spartanburg, S. C., has returned to the city.

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Miss Virginia Milton returns today to Hollins, Va., after the holiday vacation spent at home.

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After an extended trip North, Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Culbreth have returned to their home in the city.

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Miss Mary Hall has returned to Greensboro to resume her studies in the state Normal College.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Megow returned last evening from a few days' visit with relatives at Kerr, N. C.

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After a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hand, Mrs. Lou Frazier has returned to her home at Rooks, N. C.

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Mrs. W. M. Bellamy is expected to return today from Norfolk, Va., where she has been visiting her daughter.

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Miss Louise Sholar has returned home from Bolton where she visited relatives the latter part of last week.

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Mr. Walker Taylor, Jr., returns to Princeton University tomorrow, having spent the holidays at home with his parents.

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Mr. H. M. Cronenberg will leave today to attend the Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute at Mount Pleasant, N. C.

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Miss A. S. Dunn, formerly of this city, but now of Newbern, is spending a few days in Wilmington visiting friends.

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Miss Gladys Page has returned from Jacksonville, N. C., where she had been visiting relatives and friends for a few days.

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Miss Eva Cole, of East Wilmington, has returned to the State Normal College at Greensboro after a pleasant visit home.

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Miss Mary Giles Bellamy returned last night to Hollins, Va., to resume her studies after spending the holidays at home.

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Mrs. J. A. Farley returned to the city yesterday, after spending the holidays with relatives at Whiteville and Chadbourn.

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Miss Agnes MacRae leaves today for Walnut Hill, Mass., to resume her studies after a pleasant holiday vacation at home.

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Miss Virginia Walsh, who spent the holidays in the city, has returned to Greensboro to resume her studies in the State Normal College.

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Friends of Mrs. Joseph F. Craig will regret to learn that she has had to go to the James Walker Memorial Hospital on account of illness.

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Misses Pauline Williams and Elizabeth Thames returned yesterday to Greensboro to resume their studies in the State Normal College.

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Miss Mary Lathrop, who spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. M. Lathrop, has returned to the State Normal College in Greensboro.

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Messrs. Edward Hanson and William McIntyre will return to the A. & M. College, Raleigh, today after spending the holidays at home.

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Miss Lucy Murchison left yesterday for Tarrytown, N. Y., to resume her studies at the Castle school after being home during the holidays.

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Messrs. David W. Robertson and Dudley Howell have returned to Westminster school near Rutherfordton after spending the holidays at home.

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Misses Jane Emerson and Adelaide Worth leave for New Haven, Conn., today to take up their studies after a most enjoyable holiday vacation spent at home.

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Misses Miriam Holladay, Sue Northrop and Dolores Holt, have returned to St. Mary's College, Raleigh, after spending the holidays most pleasantly at home.

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Mr. Calvin Wells returns today to Washington & Lee University after spending the holidays with his parents, Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells and Mrs. Wells.

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After spending the holidays at their homes in Southport, Messrs. Victor Rice and Ed Newton return to A. & M. College, Raleigh, today to resume their studies.

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Miss Maude Willson has returned to the State Normal College in Greensboro after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Willson.

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Mr. I. W. Murphy returned to his home in Greensboro yesterday but Mrs. Murphy, who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Covington, will not return until later.

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The Hospital Circle of the King's Daughters will meet Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at No. 121 South Fifth avenue. All members are earnestly requested to be present.

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Mr. Donald Parsley returns today to Washington, D. C., to resume his studies at the Episcopal high school, after having spent the holidays at home on Masonboro Sound.

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Mr. M. F. H. Gouverneur, Jr., left last night for Exeter, N. H., where he will resume his studies. Mr. Gouverneur has been spending the holidays with his parents here.

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Miss Gordon Thompson, who spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. L. M. Thompson, has returned to Greensboro to resume her studies in the State Normal College.

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Mrs. A. A. Nelms has returned from a pleasant visit to her mother, Mrs. T. J. Herring, of East Arcadia, Fla. She was accompanied by her mother, who will spend some time in the city.

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The Floating Christian Endeavor will hold its regular business meeting in the Memorial Hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

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After spending the holidays at home with their parents, Misses Winifred Shepard and Bessie Scales have returned to Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., where they are students.

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Mr. John C. Freimuth has returned to Newberry, S. C., where he will resume his studies, after having spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Freimuth, No. 120 North Ninth street.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Young Women's Auxiliary of the First Baptist church will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. William Struthers, No. 1012 Market street.

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After spending the holidays at home with their people, Messrs. Gray Hicks, Francis McKoy, Fowler Morrison and George Avant will return to A. & M. College, Raleigh, today to resume their studies.

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Miss Elizabeth J. Westbrook returns to Greensboro College for Women after spending the holidays most pleasantly with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Westbrook, at Bradley's Creek.

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Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the Concordia bridge party which was to have been held at the residence of Mrs. S. A. Schloss this afternoon has been postponed till Wednesday, January 4th.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pope, Mrs. H. M. Flagler and Mrs. W. R. Kenan, Jr., left Sunday night for New York after spending the Christmas holidays in Wilmington.

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The Ladies' Society of the Winter Park Presbyterian church will hold its regular monthly meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Chadbourn Memorial hall. All the ladies of the congregation are invited.

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Miss M. A. Rutland, of New York, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rutland, left yesterday for Birmingham, Ala., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Armand deDosset Harris.

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Miss Thelma Brooks leaves this morning for Jenkinstown, Pa., where she is a student at the Beachwood school, after spending a delightful holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brooks, at Carolina Place.

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Mr. E. M. Marshburn and bride, of Newbern, who spent a few days as the guests of their aunt, Mrs. W. M. Bryan, No. 310 South Fourth street, have returned home. Mrs. Marshburn before her marriage was Miss Mildred Heath, of Newbern.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's Parish Guild will have a "Twelfth Night" entertainment at the Parish house on Thursday night beginning at 8 o'clock. There will be no charge for admission and the public is invited. The entertainment will carry out the old idea of celebrating the 12th night after Christmas with appropriate exercises.

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The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold its regular monthly meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Baptist church. After the regular business session a mothers' meeting will be conducted by Mrs. R. A. Montgomery and Adjutant Mataxas, of the Salvation Army, will make an address on rescue work. A large attendance is urged.

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Burgaw, N. C., Jan. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith, Jr., gave a New Year's party at their home here Friday evening from 8 to 12 o'clock. The guests played auction bridge, the winners being Mrs. H. L. Smith, Jr., and George L. Paddison. At 12 o'clock delightful refreshments were served. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Branch, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bland, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. W. I. Taylor, Mrs. Hugh Overstreet, Misses Maud and Blanche Paddison and Messrs. R. H., G. L. and E. G. Paddison.

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The Clyde steamer Cherokee arrived yesterday from New York with the following passers: W. H. Davidson and wife, M. P. Lovell and wife, Ed. Peterson, H. Johnson, L. Anderson, O. Benson, W. Ersling, A. Nelson, Minnie Dozier, J. Hall, Albert Carlson, Ernest Johnson, Victor Peterson, Arthus Johnson.

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Of interest throughout the State and in Bladen county and the Cape Fear section especially, is the following announcement, received in Wilmington yesterday:

Mr. Edgar Franklin McCulloch
and
Mrs. Jessie Lee Clark
Married
on Wednesday the twenty-ninth of December nineteen hundred and fifteen
Elizabethtown, N. C.

## LOCAL DOTS.

—There will be a special meeting of the Wilmington Trades Council tonight at Bonitz hall. Every union man in the city is invited. There will be addresses by prominent labor men.

—The improvement of Walnut street between Front and Second has been completed and it is now open to traffic. The work was done under the direction of Mr. John J. Furlong, superintendent of streets.

—Capt. C. S. Ridley, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., has given notice that the restrictions on the number of vessels in tow of one tug while passing any dredge in the Cape Fear river is again suspended until March 31, 1916, inclusive.

—Two suits for divorce were started in Superior Court yesterday, Eleanor Hutson, colored, is seeking a divorce from her husband, Isaac Hutson. William J. Bellamy, Esq., represents the plaintiff. William Lamb, colored, is seeking a divorce from his wife, Phoebe Lamb. L. Clayton Grant, Esq., represents the plaintiff.

### SCHOOLS OPEN AGAIN.

**Large Attendance Reported on First Day of New Term.**

All the schools of the city and county opened yesterday morning after having had a holiday of ten days for the Christmas season. The total attendance in the white city schools yesterday was 2,505, which was only 273 less than the total enrollment. The enrollment in the colored schools was normal, being approximately 1,000.

The regular monthly meeting of the city teachers in the white schools was held at the Hemenway school building yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## PERSONALS.

—Mr. B. F. King, Jr., returned Sunday from Sanford, N. C., where he went for a short visit.

—Judge F. A. Daniels, of Goldsboro, was a visitor in the city yesterday. He will go to Elizabethtown next Monday to hold court.

—Mr. H. R. Aiken, food inspector of the health department, has returned from Hickory, where he spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

—Many friends will be glad to know that Mr. Charles J. D. Pinkney has resumed his work at the Clyde Line offices after being in the hospital at Charleston, S. C., for several weeks following an operation.

—Messrs. R. E. McClure, George Sternberger, Clewell Howell, Charles Worth, William Worth, W. C. Rourk, W. C. Cumming, J. A. Thames, E. J. McIntire, Harry Shaw and J. D. Sprunt have returned to Davidson College after spending the holidays with relatives in the city.

## NOTHING DONE ABOUT FARM DEMONSTRATOR

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copy of statement by Auditor Orrell, attached hereto.

"A great deal of the work which has been completed during the year just closed was planned by the board during the chairmanship of Mr. Martin S. Willard, whose resignation took effect April 5th, 1915.

**Roads and Bridges.**

"Under the supervision of Road Superintendent Burnett, the road forces have made splendid progress, and, as a result of their efforts, several stretches of new roads, some of which had been started during the year 1914, have been completed; notably the following:

"The Greenville road (sand-clay), 40 feet wide, for a distance of three miles, connecting Masonboro and Seagate, and opening up a very rich section of our county.

"The new road, approaching Northeast river bridge from Castle Hayne, a distance of 1.7 miles, was built of clay-gravel taken from the new county quarry, located on Prince George's creek. This material has splendid binding qualities and makes an excellent road. In my opinion the county made no mistake in acquiring this property, as there appears to be large deposits of rock, which is well suited for road construction.

"The lower end of the Scott's Hill road, 1.4 miles, was completely rebuilt during the year, having been resurfaced and put in first class condition.

"Work of cutting right of way and grading Fort Fisher highway, which had been previously planned, and was well under way, has been pushed to completion. This stretch of road connects with the "loop" near the seven-mile post and extends to Fort Fisher Sea Beach, a distance of approximately eleven miles. This road has an average width of 30 feet, and the road forces deserve special mention for the good work done.

"Under special contract with Messrs. C. R. Humphreys & Co., the county is now having this road macadamized with shell rock a width of 12 feet and a depth of eight inches. The contractors have completed three and one-half miles of this work. The contract under which this work is being done provides that the county pay one-half cost, and the Hanover Transit Company, Wilmington Beach Corporation and the Kure Land and Development Company, jointly, pay the other half up to a point near the Carolina Beach boulevard. The beach interests have agreed, at their own expense, to carry this road on for a distance of approximately two and one-half miles to a point touching the property of the Kure Land and Development Company.

"Satisfactory progress is being made on the Acorn Branch road, and same should be completed within the next two months. Approximately three miles of this road, 30 feet wide, leading from the seven-mile post on the Scott's Hill road, has been graded, and the forces are now only a short distance from Acorn Branch. When this work is completed, I would respectfully recommend that a portion of the road between Acorn Branch and the Castle Hayne road, which is very narrow, be widened.

**Maintenance.**

"The State Highway Commission is laying special emphasis upon the importance of proper maintenance and upkeep of roads after they are built, and, in this connection, has made highly favorable reference to the phase of the work in New Hanover County. The roads of the county are in splendid shape and with a small repair force constantly at work, I can see no reason why they should not be maintained in their present good condition. During the year 25 3-4 miles of road were treated with tarvia and asphalt, at an average cost per mile of $310.02. Several miles of road near to and leading into the city, where traffic is heavy, were treated with a coating of hot tarvia and half-inch granite chips, making a hard, smooth surface. The results obtained from this treatment have proven highly satisfactory, and old, worn roads have been made new. We now have a kettle of 150 gallons capacity, which is being used in repair work on the roads, for applying the hot and cold treatment. This method of repairing the roads has proven much more lasting than the old system.

**Treatment of Prisoners.**

"This is an important subject, and calls for special consideration. The best thought of the day, advanced by those who have given special consideration to the criminal class, are all agreed that there is a physical cause for vice. There is no longer any doubt but that physical defects are factors in the making of criminals. A majority of the prisoners now serving time in New Hanover county are afflicted with some physical ailment of a chronic nature. In addition to this, I am informed that about 61 per cent of the prisoners now serving time are what are known as 'old timers,' having served two to nine terms on the roads.

"This condition, in my opinion, presents two grave problems, the solution of which, in a large measure, rests with our board. These people are in our charge, and it is our duty to see to it that each individual receives such attention, medical and otherwise, as at least preserve and maintain the physical ability possessed when the prisoner is committed to our charge, and, in every case where it is possible to improve their condition and turn them out in better shape than when they came in.

"In addition to this, a strict observance of duty requires that we strive to elevate as much as possible the moral standards of these people.

"In this connection, assurances have come to me from prominent ministers and laymen in the colored churches of the city that an organization will soon be perfected by which the prisoners, when turned out, will be looked after and watched over, and employment secured for them whenever possible. This will undoubtedly aid largely in improving the moral condition of these people, and I know this board will co-operate, as far as practicable, in this commendable effort.

**New County Prison.**

"The new county prison, located on county farm property, was completed a few months ago. On the completion of this building, prisoners who had been detained heretofore at the old East Wilmington camp, now abandoned, were moved to the new county prison. The county home was also relieved of the care of prisoners sentenced to the county farm.

"This building is a credit to the county, and the facilities which it affords supply a long felt need. It is now possible to enforce proper discipline at all times, and also to give the prisoners the required attention. We are able to separate prisoners of one class from those of another class, and to segregate all juveniles. Under the management of Superintendent Rivenbark, who is in charge of the prison, marked improvement has been made in the care and treatment of the prisoners.

"In addition to this, the cost of food and clothing for the prisoners has been reduced so that it now costs 27 cents per day a man, as against 38 cents per day per man last year.

"In view of the fact that our finances are low, and there is only a small amount that can be used for road work, I would respectfully submit, for the consideration of the board, the advisability of organizing a large construction gang of about 50 men, a maintenance gang and a repair squad of about 15 men; the construction gang to be used for building cross country roads connecting the main highway; the maintenance force and the small repair squad to be used for general work.

"This arrangement would make it possible to keep the men each night in the new county prison, and the second camp heretofore maintained could be abandoned, which would mean quite a saving to the county. Any surplus of prisoners could be used on the farm and for clearing up new ground around the prison. This change could be made effective after the different forces finish the work they are now doing.

"I would also recommend the following improvements: Adequate shelters for carts, wagons, truck, etc. Padded cells for the insane. Employment of matron and seamstresses. A reduction in the number of trusties, and a revision of the system by which trusties are created.

**County Home and Farm.**

"A large crop of grain and forage has been produced during the year on the county farm, which is used in feeding the county's teams, and also a sufficient vegetable crop to amply supply the people under care of the county. In addition to this, about 15 acres of new ground have been cleared, and the farm as a whole is in a good state of cultivation. Conscientious and efficient service is being rendered at the farm and home by Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Rasberry, superintendent and matron, respectively. The indigent committed to their care receive kind and humane treatment, and everything possible is being done to make comfortable these old and infirm wards of the county.

**Farm Demonstrator.**

"During the year just closed, splendid service has been rendered the people of the county by Mr. J. F. Herring, farm demonstrator. This is shown in a number of ways, notably in the diversification of crops, the planting of 'cover' crops, and an increased yield generally. In this connection, Mr. Herring's efforts and co-operation with some of our leading public-spirited citizens contributed very largely to the success of the Corn Show recently held in Wilmington.

"In conclusion, I desire to thank members for their co-operation in discharge of the duties imposed upon the board; Auditor Orrell for the very valuable service rendered in handling the county finances, Mr. Wm. A. Williams, clerk, for faithful attendance to duties, and all others who, by their efforts have aided in conserving the resources of the county and advancing its interests.

"Respectfully submitted.
"W. A. McGIRT, Chairman,
"Board of Commissioners."

**Real Estate Transfers.**

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday: Susie E. Montgomery to H. A. Lynch, for $100 and other considerations, lot at Carolina Place; Mrs. Laura Woebse and E. M. Roderick, Jr., to E. A. Chadwick, for $1 and other considerations, lot on south side of Swann street, 150 feet east of Sixth, 33 by 50 feet in size.

### NOTICE.

The next regular meeting of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners will be held at Salisbury, N. C., beginning promptly at 9:00 o'clock on Thursday morning, January 13th, 1916. For further information and application blanks, address the secretary.

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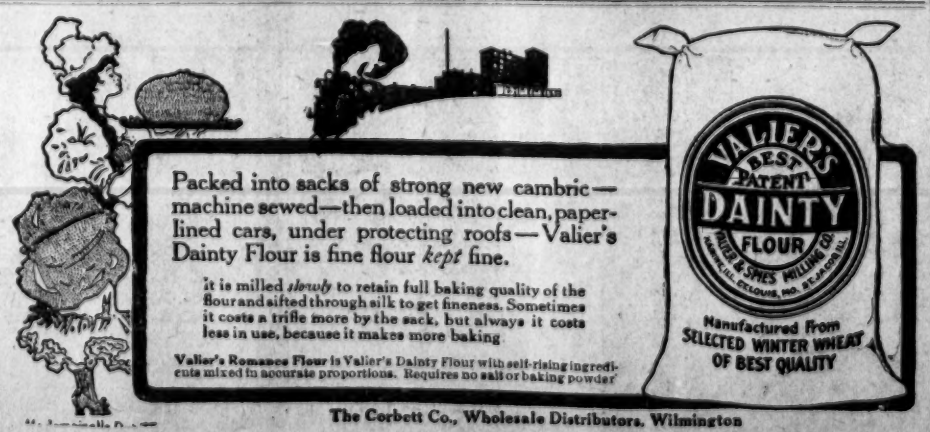
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# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

## COTTON UNDERGOES BREAK

**Uneasiness Over International Situation —Decline Finally Overcome and Close Unsettled.**

New York, Jan. 3.—Uneasiness over international relations seemed chiefly responsible for a sharp break in the cotton market at the re-opening today, but after a decline to 12.30 for March or about 18 points from last Friday's closing figures, offerings became less active. Prices then steadied on foreign buying and covering with March selling up to 12.46 and with the list closing steady net four points lower to one point higher.

Liverpool was better than due but after opening steady at an advance of six points to a decline of two points the market here broke sharply under more or less general liquidation. On the break to 12.04 for January, 12.54 for May and 12.67 for July, or of 15 to 19 points from Friday's finals Liverpool was a big buyer, however, and there also eeemed to be some support from Southern spot houses.

The close was within a point or two of the best. Except for the submarine developments there appeared to be very little change in the general character of the news. Private cables reported very small offerings in Liverpool and reports received here from the South indicated continued firmness among interior holders, while reviews of the domestic goods trades showed continued activity with advances in burlaps accompanied by an increasing demand for coarse cotton fabrics. Exports for the day were 15,680 making 2,336,144 so far this season.

Closed barely steady.

| | Open | High | Low | Close |
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| January | 12.30 | 12.30 | 12.04 | 12.22 |
| March | 12.52 | 12.52 | 12.30 | 12.46 |
| May | 12.70 | 12.71 | 12.54 | 12.69 |
| July | 12.85 | 12.86 | 12.67 | 12.82 |
| October | 12.48 | 12.48 | 12.35 | 12.49 |

Spot cotton steady, middling upland 12.40. Sales 2,500 bales.

### THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 11.88; receipts, 123; exports, 5,593; sales, 435; stock, 421,470.

Galveston—Middling, 12.30; receipts, 9,840; exports, 9,845; sales, 200; stock, 383,858.

Mobile — Middling, 11.75; receipts, 155; sales, 25; stock, 33,735.

Savannah — Middling, 12.00; receipts, 2,969; sales, 630; stock, 206,730.

Charleston—Middling, 11¾; receipts, 132; stock, 104,927.

Wilmington—Receipts, 47; stock, 41,551.

Texas City — Receipts, 9,743.

Norfolk—Middling, 11.75; receipts, 3,528; sales, 770; stock, 133,832

Baltimore—Stock, 5,477.

Boston—Middling, 12.40; receipts, 1,361; exports, 251; stock, 11,000.

Philadelphia—Middling, 12.65; stock, 1,850.

New York—Middling, 12.40; receipts, 415; sales, 200; stock, 328,719.

Minor Ports—Stock, 65,875.

Total today—Receipts, 28,363; exports, 13,689; stock, 1,740,044.

Total for week—Receipts, 47,299; exports, 26,346.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,201,348; exports, 2,338,753.

**Interior Movement.**

Houston — Middling, 12.30; receipts, 10,595; shipments, 8,914; sales, 1,397; stock, 222,987.

Memphis — Middling, 12.13; receipts, 2,151; shipments, 4,227; sales, 2,650; stock, 354,164.

Augusta — Middling, 11.88; receipts, 573; shipments, 2,246; sales, 1,236; stock, 210,105.

St. Louis—Middling, 12¼; receipts, 3,032; shipments, 2,735; stock, 15,742.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 628; shipments, 1,577; stock, 15,989.

Little Rock — Middling, 12.13; receipts, 167; shipments, 1,125; sales, 1,125; stock, 41,595.

Dallas—Middling, 11.90.

Montgomery—Middling, 11.63; sales, 13.

Total today—Receipts, 17,146; shipments, 20,824; stock, 870,562.

### LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Jan. 3. — Cotton: Spot, steady. American middling fair, 8.85; good middling, 8.34; middling, 8.01; low middling, 7.57. Sales, 10,000. One thousand for speculation and export. Receipts, 28,000 Futures closed barely steady. January, 7.78½; January-February, 7.78½; February-March, 7.76½; March-April, 7.74½; April-May, 7.69; May-June, 7.64½; June-July, 7.59½; July-August, 7.54½; August-September, 7.39; September-October, 7.22 1-2; October-November 7.16 1-2; November-December, 7.14½; December-January, 7.14½; January-February, 7.14½.

### NEW ORLEANS COTTON

**Market Depressed Larger Part of Session—Close Unsettled.**

New Orleans, Jan. 3.—Except for a few minutes during the opening call the cotton market here today stood at the decline under selling resulting from the sinking of ships in foreign waters Fear of fresh international complications caused the liquidation of considerable long cotton and stimulated short selling.

At the lowest the most active months were 16 to 17 points under last week's final quotations. After the early slump the market displayed a steady undertone and made almost a full recovery. The close was unchanged to two points down, compared with Friday's close.

A much better Liverpool market than due started buying on the opening call on which the near months rose to 3 to 8 points. Later months would have shared in the improvement but for reports that a British vessel had been sunk with loss of life. A little later came reports of disaster to another British steamer and a Japanese freighter. Under this news, the market slumped 20 to 32 points, on the most active months from the high levels established on the opening call.

Little else but the marine losses and their effect on international politics was discussed on the floor during the day.

Closed steady. Closing bid: January 12.02; March 12.33; May 12.60; July 12.75; October 12.37.

Spot cotton quiet, unchanged. Sales on the spot 435 bales. To arrive nine. Middling 11.88.

### DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Jan. 3. — Cotton goods and yarns were strong today Canton silks were higher and burlaps were strong. Dress goods were active.

## WHEAT UNDERGOES SET BACK

**Heavy Enlargement of United States Visible Supply Total—Corn and Oats Also Decline.**

Chicago, Jan. 3. — Heavy enlargement of the United States visible supply total gave a setback today to the wheat market here. The outcome was a weak close at 1¼c. to 2⅛@2¼c. net decline, with May 1.23¼ and July, 1.16 . Corn lost 1⅛@1¼ to 1¼c, and oats ⅜@½c. Provisions finished unchanged to 10c. higher.

Provisions and grain close:

Wheat—May, 1.23 ; July, 1.16¼.

Corn—May, 75⅝; July, 76

Oats—May, 47¼.

Pork—January, 18.85; May, 19.02.

Lard—January, 9.92; May, 10.20.

Ribs—January, 10.25; May, 10.60.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.21⅛@1.22⅜; No. 2, red, 1.19@1.20⅜; No. 2, hard, 1.18⅜@1.20; No. 3, hard, 1.15@1.17½.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, nominal; No. 4, yellow, 68¼@70½; No. 4, white, 67½@70½.

## MARINE.

**Arrived.**

Str. Kylemhor (Br.), 1,932 tons, McIntosh, Glasgow, Henry Whyte, agent.

**Cleared.**

Str. Cherokee, Bunnell, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

### MARINE DIRECTORY.

**List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.**

**Steamers.**

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Keil (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

Str. Hostilius (Br.), 2,025 tons, Jones, Henry Whyte, agent.

Str. Klyemhor (Br.), 1,932 tons, McIntosh, Henry Whyte, agent

### WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Dec. 31, by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 3.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—53½c.

ROSIN—Large, $5.45; small, $5.35.

TAR—$2.10-8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal. Rosin, $3.05. Tar, $2.00-8c. Crude turpentine, nominal.

**RECEIPTS.**

Spirits Turpentine .. .. .. .. .. ..(—)

Rosin ... ... ... ... ... ... ...(—)

Tar ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ...140

Crude Turpentine ... ... ... ... ... 54

**Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 11 casks; rosin, 89 barrels; tar, (—) barrels; crude turpentine, 59 barrels.**

### COTTON MARKET.

Market—11½. Quotations same day last year, 7½c.

Receipts—(—) bales; same day last year, 709 bales

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 137,024 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 99,278 bales.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 3, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—90 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

River—50 barrels tar; 50 barrels crude turpentine.

Total — 140 barrels tar; 54 barrels crude turpentine.

### PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Jan. 3.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 23c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

### WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Jan. 3.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market firm. Fancy hand-picked, 84c.; No. 1, machine picked, 77c. per bushel

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop firm; No. 1, small, machine-picked, $1.00; Jumbos, 90c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

### PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 3.—Spanish: Farmers' stock: Market, firm. New peanuts, dry and clean, $1.15 per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4½c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¾c. per lb ; new prime, 3¼c. to 3½c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2½c. to 3c. per lb.

### NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Jan. 3. — Raw sugar, steady. Centrifugal, 96 test, 4.45@4.58; molasses, 3.68@3.81; refined, steady.

Coffee—Steady. Rio, No. 7, 7¾; Santos, No. 4, 9.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Firm.

### SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Jan 3. — Turpentine, firm, 54; sales, 102; receipts, 33; shipments, 270; stock, 15,742.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 6.65; receipts, 7.41; shipments, 3,046; stock, 74,095. Quote: A, B, C, D, 5.65; E, 5.70; F, G, 5.75; H, 5.80; I, 5.85; K, 6.00; M, 6.50; N, 7.00; W G, 7.00@7.25; W W, 7.50.

## STOCK MOVE IRREGULAR

**Some Misgivings Over Sinking of Liner Persia—Oil Shares Most Spectacular Feature.**

New York, Jan. 3.—On the stock exchange the New Year began with some misgivings in consequence of the sinking o fthe British liner Persia and the further activities of the Teutonic naval forces. Opening prices were 1 to more than four points lower, but these losses were largely re-gained, only to fall back again. Before midday another rally effaced most declines and thereafter the record for the most part was one of irregular advances.

Oil Shares were once more the spectacular features, Mexican Petroleum making a maximum gain of 6 5-8 at 129 5-8, an advance of almost 22 points over its final quotation of a week ago. California Petroleum which according to rumor is to merge with Mexican, also was strong. Associated Oil registered a total gain of 4 points at 77, and Texas company advanced 2 to 235 1-2.

United States Steel was forced into second place by reason of the extraordinary activity of the oil group, but was fairly steady after the first hour closing at 88 1-2 a net loss of 3-8. Metal shares were conspicuous, but under moderate pressure, except American Smelting, which made an extreme rise of 3 1-2 to 111 5-8.

Among the distinctive war issues, New York Air Brake was the foremost feature, advancing 9 1-2 to 149 1-2, but such erstwhile favorites as Baldwin Locomotive, Studebaker, Crucible Steel, Lackawanna Steel and Bethlehem Steel displayed heaviness, the latter falling almost 10 to 450 but hardening later. Tobaccos, Fertilizers and some unclassified issues were under restraint, but Mercantile Marine preferred was instady request.

The entire railway list denoted pressure at times. Prices shaded at the close, causing an irregular undertone. Total sales of stocks amounted to 1,020,000 shares. Bonds closed firm, under some concessions in speculative issues. Total sales of bonds (par value) aggregated $4,100,000. Anglo-French 5s were quiet but steady in contrast to German and Austro-Hungarian bonds in which subscription prices were again lowered to meet the depreciation in marks and kronen.

United States bonds were unchanged on call.

### NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

| | |
|---|---|
| Allis-Chalmers | 31 |
| American Beet Sugar | 69¼ |
| American Can | 61½ |
| American Car and Foundry | 77½ |
| American Cotton Oil | 55¼ |
| American Locomotive | 68¼ |
| American Smelting | 110¼ |
| American Sugar | 114¾ |
| American Tel. and Tel | 127½ |
| American Tobacco | 208¼ |
| Anaconda Copper | 90⅜ |
| Atchison | 108 |
| Atlantic Coast Line | 116 |
| Baldwin Locomotive | 117½ |
| Baltimore and Ohio | 95½ |
| Bethlehem Steel | 458 |
| Brooklyn Rapid Transit | 87½ |
| Canadian Pacific | 182¼ |
| Central Leather | 53⅜ |
| Chesapeake and Ohio | 64⅛ |
| Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul | 102 |
| Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry | 17½ |
| Consolidated Gas | 143½ |
| Continental Can | 86¼ |
| Crucible Steel | 72 |
| Erie | 43¼ |
| General Electric | 174½ |
| Great Northern, pfd | 126½ |
| Great Northern Ore Ctfs | 50⅜ |
| Illinois Central | 109½ |
| Interborough Consol Corp | 21 |
| Kansas City Southern | 32 |
| Lehigh Valley | 81½ |
| Louisiville and Nashville | 129¾ |
| Liggett and Meyers | 260 |
| Lorillard Co | 180 |
| Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd | 16 |
| Missouri Pacific | 4⅞ |
| Mexican Petroleum | 127 |
| National Lead | 69 |
| New York Central | 110 |
| N. Y., N. H. and Hartford | 77⅜ |
| Norfolk and Western | 121½ |
| Northern Pacific | 118⅝ |
| Pennsylvania | 59⅛ |
| Reading | 83 |
| Rep. Iron and Steel | 54¾ |
| Seaboard Air Line | B. 18 |
| Seaboard Air Line, pfd | B. 39½ |
| Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron | 62½ |
| Studebaker Corporation | 165½ |
| Southern Pacific | 103⅝ |
| Southern Railway | 22⅞ |
| Southern Railway, pfd | 64 |
| Tennessee Copper | 62⅝ |
| Texas Co | 231 |
| Texas and Pacific | 10 |
| Union Pacific | 138½ |
| United States Rubber | 57½ |
| United States Steel | 88½ |
| United States Steel, pfd | 117 |
| Utah Copper | 81 |
| Virginia-Caro. Chem. | 49 |
| Va. Iron, Coal and Coke | 63 |
| Wabash, pfd "B" Ctfs | 31 |
| Western Union | 88½ |
| Westinghouse Electric | 69 |
| United Fruit | 147¼ |

### THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Jan. 3. — Mercantile paper, 3@3½; sterling, sixty day bills, 4.69¾; demand, 4.73½; cables, 4.74¼. Francs demand, 5.85; cables, 5.84. Marks, demand, 75 11-16; cables, 75⅝. Bar silver, 55¾. Mexican dollars, 42. Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, firm. Time loans, weak. Sixty days, 2¼@2¾; ninety days, 2 @2¾; six months, 2¼@2¾. Call money, firmer; ruling rate, 1¾.

### COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Jan. 3. — Cotton seed oil was firm; final prices showing net gains of from 4 to 10 points Buying was stimulated by advancing crude markets and talk of a better consuming demand. Demand for January was chiefly from shorts. Sales, 21,800 barrels.

Closed, steady. Spot, 8.85; January, 8.70@8.72; February, 8.64@8.69; March, 8.64@8.65; April, 8.67@8.69; May, 8.74@8.75; June, 8.76@8.77; July, 8.82@8.83; August, 8.91@8.92. Total sales, 21,800

### CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Jan. 3. — Hogs—Steady. Bulk, 6.60@6.90; light, 6.45@6.90; mixed, 6.45@6.95; heavy, 6.50@7.00; rough, 6.50@6.60; pigs, 5.50@6.40.

Cattle—Strong. Native beef steers, 6.25@9.80; cows and heifers, 4.00@8.45; calves, 7.00@10.75.

Sheep—Strong. Wethers, 6.70@7.15; ewes, 4.60@6.65; lambs, 7.50@10.00.

## THE WEATHER

**United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.**

January 4, 1916.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 55 degrees; at 8 P. M., 54 degrees; maximum, 68 degrees; minimum, 54 degrees; mean, 60 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .60 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 7 feet.

**THE WEATHER.**

For North Carolina: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday warmer; Wednesday interior.

**The Port Calendar, January 4, 1916.**

Sun rises .. .. .. .. .. .. ..7:18 A. M.

Sun sets ... ... ... ... ... ...5:16 P. M.

Day's length .. .. .. .. .. ..9 hrs. 58 min.

**TOE TIDES.**

| | High water. A. M. | P. M. | Low water. A. M. | P. M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wilmington | 9:04 | 9:10 | 3:50 | 4:34 |
| Southport | 6:51 | 7:09 | 12:30 | 1:21 |
| Masonboro Inl | 6:40 | 6:58 | 12:10 | 1:01 |

**WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS**
January 3, 1916.

| STATIONS: | Weather at 8 P. M. | Temperature: Highest today. | Lowest Last night. | Precipitation at 8 p. m. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | cldy | 60 | 42 | .0 |
| Asheville | clear | 48 | 40 | .0 |
| Atlanta | clear | 60 | 44 | .12 |
| Augusta | clear | 66 | 50 | .0 |
| Baltimore | clear | 46 | — | .0 |
| Birmingh | clear | 58 | 40 | .01 |
| Boston | snow | 40 | 22 | .02 |
| Charleston | clear | 68 | 60 | .0 |
| Charlotte | clear | 60 | 48 | .0 |
| Chicago | clear | 34 | 20 | .0 |
| Galveston | clear | 62 | 62 | .0 |
| Jacksonv. | clear | 72 | 58 | .0 |
| Memphis | clear | 54 | 38 | 0 |
| Mobile | clear | 68 | 52 | .0 |
| Montgom'y | clear | 64 | 50 | .01 |
| New Orl. | clear | 72 | 58 | .0 |
| New York | pt cldy | 40 | 34 | .0 |
| Oklahoma | cldy | 62 | 28 | .0 |
| Palestine | pt cldy | 70 | 52 | .0 |
| Pittsburg | cldy | 30 | 30 | .0 |
| Raleigh | clear | 60 | 48 | .0 |
| Savannah | clear | 72 | 62 | .02 |
| Shreveport | clear | 64 | 46 | .0 |
| St. Louis | clear | 46 | 34 | .0 |
| Washing'n | clear | 46 | 42 | .0 |

### SECRETARY DANIELS SPENDS WEEK-END AT GOLDSBORO

**Visits Mother and Judge Daniels, who is Improving.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 3.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels spent Sunday in this city the guest of his mother and brother, Judge Frank Daniels, the latter having been in poor health for several weeks, but is improving steadily every day. Secretary Daniels was very much impressed with decided growth of the city since his last visit here and stated that the town, like a beautiful flower, was rapidly blooming into a large and beautiful city.

### BURGAW NEWS NOTES

**County Convict Force at Work on Road Leading to Wilmington.**

Burgaw, N. C., Jan. 3.—The sewerage work at the court house square having been completed, the county commissioners have put the convict force to work on the public road leading to Wilmington, just outside of town.

The Burgaw high school, after having suspended for the holidays, reopened again this morning. The teachers who spent Christmas with their people at home have all returned.

Bishop Darst held services here in the Episcopal church both morning and evening yesterday.

### LOCATED IN GENOA

**Charlotte Boy Who Ran Away Will Be Sent Back Home.**

Washington, Jan. 3.—The State Department today cabled instructions to the American consul at Genoa to arrange for the transportation home of Frank M. Hoover, of Charlotte, N. C., who ran away from home in October and has just been located at Genoa by the State Department through representations made by Representative Webb, of North Carolina. The boy shipped on an Italian vessel and his parents sought assistance of the government in tracing him. Money to pay for his ticket home was cabled today.

### A. C. L. BOX CAR BURNED

**In Fire Which Destroys Woodyard at Goldsboro.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 3.—Fire Sunday morning at 2 o'clock was discovered at the wood yard of W. H. Griffin & Son, which is supposed to have started in the boiler room. The damage to the engine and machinery was heavy, but only a small quantity of wood burned. A box car of the A. C. L. railroad, near the scene, was also destroyed. Griffin & Son suffered a loss of several hundred dollars with no insurance, but it is presumed the railroad had their car insured.


**ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY.**

Office of the Treasurer,
Wilmington, N. C., December 30th, 1915.

The Board of Directors of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has declared a dividend of two and one-half per cent. on the Common Capital Stock of that Company, payable at the office of the Treasurer, Wilmington, N. C., on and after January 10th, 1916, to stockholders of record as of December 20th, 1915, at three o'clock P. M.

JAMES F. POST,
Treasurer

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## ATLANTIC COAST LINE

**Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Dec. 27, 1915. Time Not Guaranteed.**

| DEPARTURES: | TO AND FROM | ARRIVALS: |
|---|---|---|
| No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. | No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only. |
| No. 41. 5:30 A.M. Daily. | Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to recieve outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M. | No. 38. 11:59 P.M. Daily. |
| No. 64 5:15 A.M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only. | Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations. | No. 65 6:15 P.M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only. |
| No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington Parlor car, Wilmington to Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service. | No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily. |
| No. 51. 8:45 A.M. Daily. | Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford. | No. 53. 3:00 P.M. Daily. |
| No. 63. 3:25 P.M. Daily. | Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations. | No. 61. 12:50 P.M. Daily. |
| No. 58. 3:45 P.M. Daily. | Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia. | No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily. |
| No. 79. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only. | Fayetteville and Intermediate stations. | No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only. |
| No. 43. 6:45 P. M. Daily. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk. | No. 42. 9:50 A.M. Daily. |

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 169.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

## SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

**In Effect November 15, 1915.**

**WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS**

| EASTBOUND | | | WESTBOUND | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leave Front and for Winter Park | Leave Front and for Wrightsville | Leave... Front and for Beach | Leave Winter Park for Wilmington | Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington | Leave Beach for Wilmington |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | a6:26 A. M. | a6:15 A. M. | ..... |
| a6:30 A. M. | a6:30 A. M. | a6:30 A. M. | a7:36 A. M. | a7:25 A. M. | ..... |
| 6:55 A. M. | 6:55 A. M. | b6:55 A. M. | 8:01 A. M. | 7:50 A. M. | 7:40 A. M. |
| a8:00 A. M. | a8:00 A. M. | ..... | a8:41 A. M. | a8:30 A. M. | ..... |
| 8:30 A. M. | 8:30 A. M. | 8:30 A. M. | 9:36 A. M. | 9:25 A. M. | 9:15 A. M. |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | b10:31 A. M. | b10:20 A. M. | ..... |
| 10:00 A. M. | 10:00 A. M. | 10:00 A. M. | 11:06 A. M. | 10:55 A. M. | 10:45 A. M. |
| 11:30 A. M. | 11:30 A. M. | 11:30 A. M. | 12:36 P. M. | 12:25 P. M. | 12:15 P. M. |
| b1:00 P. M. | b1:00 P. M. | b1:00 P. M. | b2:06 P. M. | b1:55 P. M. | b1:46 P. M. |
| a1:10 P. M. | a1:10 P. M. | a01:10 P. M. | a2:01 P. M. | a1:50 P. M. | af1:46 P. M. |
| c1:55 P. M. | c1:55 P. M. | ..... | a2:36 P. M. | a2:25 P. M. | ..... |
| c d2:35 P.M. | ..... | ..... | c d3:06 P.M. | ..... | ..... |
| 3:00 P. M. | 3:00 P. M. | 3:00 P. M. | c3:50 P. M. | ..... | ..... |
| 4:30 P. M. | ..... | ..... | 4:06 P. M. | 3:55 P. M. | 3:45 P. M. |
| c4:10 P. M. | ..... | ..... | c4:30 P. M. | ..... | ..... |
| 4:30 P. M. | 4:30 P. M. | 4:30 P. M. | c5:10 P. M. | ..... | ..... |
| c4:50 P. M. | ..... | ..... | 5:36 P. M. | 5:25 P. M. | b5:15 P. M. |
| 5:30 P. M. | 5:30 P. M. | ..... | 6:11 P. M. | 6:00 P. M. | ..... |
| 6:10 P. M. | 6:10 P. M. | ..... | 6:51 P. M. | 6:40 P. M. | ..... |
| 6:40 P. M. | 6:40 P. M. | c6:40 P. M. | 7:31 P. M. | 7:20 P. M. | f7:15 P. M. |
| 7:15 P. M. | 7:15 P. M. | ..... | 8:06 P. M. | 7:55 P. M. | ..... |
| 8:15 P. M. | 8:15 P. M. | ..... | 8:56 P. M. | 8:45 P. M. | ..... |
| 9:15 P. M. | 9:15 P. M. | 9:15 P. M. | 10:21 P. M. | 10:10 P. M. | 10:00 P. M. |
| 10:15 P. M. | 10:15 P. M. | ..... | 10:56 P. M. | 10:46 P. M. | ..... |
| 1:15 P. M. | 11:15 P. M. | ..... | 11:56 P.M. | 11:45 P. M. | ..... |

**SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS.**

Leave Front and Princess Streets every half hour from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.
Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 to 5:45 P. M.

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b—Sundays only.
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d—Goes through to Seagate; returning, leaves Seagate at 3:00 P. M.
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# PEACE SHIP ONLY TO ADVERTISE FORD PLAN

## To be Formulated After Commission Returns Home.

**Commission Not to Be Formed Until The Hague is Reached—Personnel Not Yet Known—Ford's Programme Outlined.**

The following article, by George E. Miller, Washington correspondent of the Detroit News, of Henry Ford's "home town," was recently published in that paper and is reprinted here merely as a matter of giving something o nthe "Ford side" of his peace expedition and especially because it sheds some light on the "inside" of the project and Mr. Ford's purpose that has not been given general publicity:

"A persistent one could say wilful misconception and misstatement of Henry Ford's peace expedition is carried in the press of the East and also brought across the ocean in the British-ed censored cables. Ford has deserted and the expedition is a failure, is the statement, accompanied with editorial comment in which Mr. Ford is patronizingly characterized as a generous soul but ignorant. The kindest thing some of these publications find to say about him is that he is a rainbow chaser with a good purpose and a poor plan for its accomplishment.

"The New York papers almost without exception misrepresented the character of the Ford enterprise from the first. For this Mr. Ford was himself to blame to some extent as he failed to issue a comprehensive statement of his plan in the beginning. Newspapers disposed to be hostile towards any step to end the war took advantage of this to ridicule the expedition and their example has been very large followed on both sides of the ocean. The papers controlled by the steel and munition interests have been the most persistent in declining to print the facts about the nature of Mr. Ford's project.

"Yet it would not have been difficult for them to ascertain that this big body of people carried abroad in the Oscar II was not the real peace commission to carry out Mr. Ford's purpose. Though stated over and over again that the ship was chartered to attract the attention of the world to the peace plan, and for no other purpose, this fact has been studiously ignored. And because the boys did not jump out of the trenches the moment the ship arrived in European waters, the Ford enterprise was and is denounced as a farcical failure. That the Oscar II was the advertisement of what is to follow has never been stated in the Eastern papers. That there is to be a commission of responsible men to undertake the peace suggestions after the Oscar II passengers have returned to the United States has been carefully omitted from the papers which exhibit such apparent fear that Ford may bring about peace.

"Of course the Ford enterprise may be a failure. Of that Mr. Ford freely acknowledged cognizance before he sailed from New York. But it is not fair nor just nor honest to denounce it as a failure before it has failed, and it hardly can fail until the commission which is to operate has tried. It is Mr. Ford's purpose to have this commission sit for months and even years if that be necessary. It is to be a body that will never cease to try for peace until the peace is secured. This was stated specifically to the Eastern papers but is ignored by them in their attempts to rush the announcement of Ford's failure to the world.

"Again much is made of the assertion that Ford has abandoned the peace expedition. Yet the Eastern press was informed repeatedly that he did not known whether he would go to Europe in the first place nor whether he would remain long if he did go. There was doubt in Mr. Ford's mind as to whether he would be of any service in Europe.

"He did not believe that his personal presence would be of aid. He finally was persuaded to go, but if he is returning now his friends who have understood his views will not interpret that for an admission by him that his peace plan is a failure. On the contrary they will understand that he can do more on this side of the ocean than on that.

"The people of the world will get their best opportunity to judge of the calibre of the Ford enterprise when they learn the personnel of the real peace commission. That has not been announced and cannot be until the crowd from the Oscar II has made the rounds of the neutral countries. When the expedition finally lands at The Hague the composition of the commission will be determined. After that, perhaps long after that, will come the time to judge as towhether Mr. Ford has failed."

### MAY TAKE NO STEP IN CASE OF JAPANESE STEAMER MARU

**Man Lost Supposed to be American Never Established Citizenship.**

Washington, Jan. 3.—Secretary Lansing indicated today that the United States probably will take no step in the case of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, torpedoed in the Mediterranean, because W. J. Leigh, the only lost passenger who was supposed to have been an American, never established his American citizenship. Leigh was born of American parents in China.

The dispatch from Consul Garrels at Alexandria made public by Secretary Lansing, read:

"Affidavits of officers, crew, passengers of the Yasaka Maru have been received here. Will be forwarded by next mail. The person who stated was only American citizen says: 'Was born of American parentage and claim of American citizenship has not been substantiated. I intend to do so on arrival at Shanghai'."

### THOUSANDS ATTEND FUNERAL.

**Late Governor Hammond, of Minnesota, Buried at Old Home.**

St. James, Minn., Jan. 3.—In the presence of mourning thousands, Winfield Scott Hammond, late governor of Minnesota, was buried here today, this place having been his home for years before taking up the duties of governor a year ago. The body was brought here from St. Paul this afternoon aboard a special train. Services were held at the state house in St. Paul this morning.

London, Jan. 3. — A British official report from Kamerun, German Equitorial Africa, says that Yaunde, a governmental station, was occupied January 1.

# PRESIDENT WILSON WILL FACE THE NEW CRISIS

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prepared for resisting a hostile submarine.

Secretary Lansing and other officials have considered this view with great carefulness. The Secertary said today he was not prepared to announce the the attitude of the United States on this point in the future. It is understood that he was awaiting an opportunity to discuss the matter and its various ramifications with President Wilson.

The Italian ambassador, Count Di Cellere, called on Mr. Lansing during the afternoon seeking information on the question. He was referred to the position taken by the United States at the beginning of the war, which was in line with the provisions of The Hague convention permitting armament for defensive purposes.

**Germany Abandons Contention.**

During a late discussion of the subject, Secretary Lansing revealed that Germany had abandoned its contention that the Lusitania was an armed merchantman. This claim was originally made in justification of the sinking of that ship and affidavits were presented to substantiate it. The affidavits were proved to be false, however, and Mr. Lansing indicated that Germany had dropped the contention some time ago.

The Japanese ambassador Viscount China, also called on the Secretary. His purpose was to obtain any details which might have been received regarding the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru. The Secretary had no new reports of importance. He indicated later, that no action would be taken by the United States in that case, at least at the time. But one person aboard the Yacaka Maru was supposed to be an American citizen. He was W .J. Leigh. A dispatch received today from Consul Garrels at Alexandria, informed the State Department that Leigh, who was born in China of American parents, never had elected to claim American citizenship. His status may be the subject of further report, however, as it is pointed out that the United States maintains extra territorial jurisdiction in China and if Leigh was born of American parents, within the jurisdiction of any American consul in China, he could be considered an American citizen, unless he elected to become a subject of some other nation.

**Another Liner Sunk.**

Anxiety in official circles increased tonight when it was learned that press dispatches reported the sinking of another British liner, the Peninsular and Oriental steamer Geelong. No word of the latest disaster had reached the State Department. Official reports will be awaited tomorrow with grave interest.

### PERSIA CARRIED SMALL GUN.

**Although No Statement is Authorized, There is No Reason for Doubt.**

London, Jan. 3.—The management of the Peninsular & Oriental Steamship Company say they have authorized no statement regarding a gun on board the steamer Persia. There is, however, no reason to doubt that the vessel carried one 4.7-inch gun astern for defensive purposes.

### 11 MORE SURVIVORS LAND.

**Lord Montague Was in Party, Dispatch From Malta Says.**

London, Jan. 3. — The Peninsula and Oriental Steamship Company has received a dispatch from Malta saying that 11 more survivors of the steamer Persia have been landed, including Lord Montague.

Robert N McNeely, the American consul at Aden, was not among the survivors landed at Malta.

The Peninsula and Oriental Company says the survivors consist of three Englishmen, one Italian and seven lascars.

### LEAVE HOT SPRINGS.

**President and Mrs. Wilson Cut Honeymoon Short Two Days.**

Hot Springs, Va., Jan. 3. — President Wilson left here tonight at 8:45 for Washington, after a series of telephone conferences with the capital regarding international affairs. He goes to take personal charge of the situation growing out of the sinking of the British liner Persia in the Mediterranean.

The President declined to make any comment further than to announce his decision to return to Washington at once, cutting short his honeymoon by two days. He was anxious to start during the afternoon, but this could not be arranged. He and his wife were given the use of a private car which brought Joseph Harrison, of New York, to Hot Springs, and it was attached to the first through train

Late in the afternoon Mr. Wilson walked through the lounge of his hotel to say good bye to the employees and thank them for courtesies extended during his two weeks' stay.

### VALUABLE JEWELS LOST.

**Valuables of the Maharajah of Kapurthala Worth 800,000 Pounds.**

London, Jan. 3. — A Cairo dispatch to the Evening News says that the jewels of the Maharajah of Kapurthala, valued at 800,000 pounds sterling, were lost aboard the steamer Persia. The members of the maharajah's suite were aboard the ship, and the maharajah was to join them at Port Said.

### FILE PETITIONS TO PLACE ROOSEVELT'S NAME ON BALLOT

**Michigan Republicans Will Support Him as Nominee for President.**

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 3.—A sufficient number of petitions to place the name of former President Theodore Roosevelt as Republican candidate on the Michigan Presidential primary ballot were filed with the secretary of state today. Several days ago, petitions on behalf of the National Progressive party in Michigan were filed to place Mr. Roosevelt's name on the Progressive presidential primary ballot. The secretary of state is notifying Mr. Roosevelt of the action of both parties.

Additional petitions were received today making certain the placing of the name of United States Senator William Alden Smith, on the Michigan Republican presidential primary ticket.

The White House has officially acknowledged Secretary of State Vaughan's notice that sufficient nominating petitions have been filed to place President Wilson's name on the Democratic ballot at the Michigan presidential primary in April.

Panama, Jan 3. — The Panama Association of Commerce has won a victory in its long fight to prevent persons other than employees of the United States from buying at commissaries. Its efforts to have the canal zone commissaries cease selling to persons other than canal employees were made on the ground that such trade was harmful to the Panama merchants.

# CHARGE THEY REGARDED LAW MERELY A "TRIFLE"

## Federal Counsel Denounce the Methods of 11 Directors.

**Attorney Osborne Says New Haven Officials Knew They Were Violating Law—Defense Will Open the Case Today.**

New York, Jan. 3. — The 11 former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, on trial under the Sherman law, were pictured by government counsel in summing up the testimony before the jury today as men who had regarded the law as a "trifle" when it stood in the way of their alleged design to monopolize the transportation traffic of New England.

Attorneys Swacker, Stevenson and Osborne, took turns in their denunciation of the methods used by the New Haven, as they viewed them in suppressing and buying in its competitors. Mr. Osborne pictured the late J. P. Morgan as the man who conceived the alleged plan to dominate the traffic of New England.

No one except Morgan and William Rockefeller knew more about purposes of the New Haven than Charles S. Mellen, declared Mr. Osborn, of Mellen, who had written a letter which showed that the maintenance of a monopoly at any cost was the platform of the New Haven This was the letter which Mellen, while president of the Northern Pacific, sent to John M. Hall, president of the New Haven, in 1902, and in which he said: "The New Haven has always been prone to under estimate the value of a competitor * * * it is unfortunate in being so rich that it can pay the prices for its acquisitions. Is it wise, when so much depends upon the maintenance of your monopoly not to take in what you must eventually have?"

"That was the platform of the New Haven, expressed in black and white." he said, "and Mellen, knowing this design, was made president of the road, and went to work carrying out the policy he set forth in this letter."

Mr. Osborne laid great emphasis on the "high standing and intellectuality" of the defendants which was all the more reason, he said, why they knew they were violating the law.

Attorney Swacker reviewed each acquisition of the New Haven, laying before the jury in each case, the reasons he thought competition had been suppressed thereby.

The defense will occupy tomorrow and Wednesday in summing up its side of the case and B. L. Batts will close for the government on Thursday.

# COMBINED ATTACK BY TWO FOREIGN POWERS POSSIBLE

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afloat during the last 30 years of $459,686,551.

2. Construction of four battle cruisers and four dreadnaughts under this programme.

3. Expansion of ship building facilities to admit of even heavier building programmes in succeeding years.

For the army the War College recommended:

1. Expenditure in 1916-17 of approximately $500,000,000 to produce a mobile army under Federal control which with its reserves would total 1,500,000, in six years; 500,000 fully trained regulars and the remainder continentals.

2. Increasing by 50 per cent the equipment and personnel of the coast artillery in four years at a total cost of $81,000,000.

3. Accumulation in four years of reserve ammunition and material worth $104,000,000.

**The Billion Dollar Programme.**

In view of the enormous, what they regard as almost prohibitive, cost of these proposals, Secretary Daniels and Secretary Garrison mapped out the billion dollar, six-year programme which President Wilson has laid before Congress, providing essentially as follows:

For the Navy:

1. New construction with five years, costing $500,000,000, which will add six battle cruisers and ten dreadnaughts to the fighting line by 1924.

2. Construction during 1916-17 of two battle cruisers and two dreadnaughts with proportionate numbers of smaller craft.

3. Distribution of the remainder of the building programme through the next four years at a rate of $100,000,000 a year.

For the Army:

1. Expenditure within six years of approximately $600,000,000 to produce a total mobile Federal force of a million men, 141,000 regulars and 80,000 continentals, this force to be in addition to the National Guard now numbering 129,000.

2. Expenditure of the full $81,000,000 recommended by the war college and board of review for new coast defenses.

3. Expenditure of the full $104,000,000 recommended by the experts for reserve material.

### SUPPLIES FOR MARINES.

**Transport Prairie Sails from Philadelphia En Route to Haiti.**

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—The United States transport Prairie sailed today for Hampton Roads, en route for Haiti with supplies for the marines stationed there. Other supplies will be taken on at Hampton Roads. A stop will also be made at Port Royal, S. C., where several hundred recruits, to relieve marines at Haiti whose terms of enlistment have expired, will be taken aboard.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Navy officials hope soon to begin withdrawing the marines on duty in Haiti. The transport Prairie which left Philadelphia for Haiti today probably will remain in southern waters until the withdrawal begins. All recent reports, it was stated today, have indicated that tranquility had been re-established in the island under the temporary arrangements for enforcing provisions of the pending treaty for an American protectorate over the Republic.

### LEAVES FOR DETROIT.

**Henry Ford, With His Wife and Son, Depart From New York.**

New York, Jan. 3. — Henry Ford, who returned yesterday from his trip to Europe on the peace ship Oscar II, left tonight for Detroit. He was accompanied by his wife, his son and several Detroit friends.

# DISCUSS MEANS TO CO-ORDINATE WORK

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make wars between Pan-American countries next to impossible.

This subject has been much discussed among delegates to the congress, and another evidence of the efforts of the American government to promote Pan-American unity is seen in renewed efforts by administration leaders to get the Senate to ratify both the Colombian treaty and the convention proposing to pay Nicaragua $3,000,000 for canal rights and naval bases.

Chairman Stone of the Senate foreign relations committee conferred today with Secretary Lansing on these subjects and there are evidences of a new movement with the full backing of the administration to get the treaties through.

In Colombia, according to advices to the legation here, surprise and some resentiment are being shown at the failure of the United States to ratify the treaty which has been before the Senate since July, 1914, and the Colombian press has had much to say lately of the delay.

# INFLUENZA SPREADING FROM COAST TO COAST

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Marked increase in pneumonia mortality.

Chicago—Last week there were 57 deaths from influenza; 30 deaths the week before. There were 1,440 cases of pneumonia in December, with 666 deaths, of which 201 occurred in the last four days.

San Francisco—Epidemic of influenza widespread and most severe since 1891.

Philadelphia — Influenza epidemic here. In five weeks ending December 31st, 141 deaths, of which 72 occurred the last week. During December 881 cases of pneumonia. Deaths from pneumonia the last week, 284.

Memphis—Estimated 7,000 or 8,000 cases, but outbreak declining rapidly.

### APPALACHIAN CONGRESS IS ORGANIZED AT ASHEVILLE.

**Association Embracing Lumbering and Logging Interests of Four States.**

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 3.—The Appalachian Congress, an association embracing the lumbering and logging interests of North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, was organized here today with the election of the following officers:

President—W. B. Townsend, Little River, Tenn.

Vice President—Fred A. Perley, Black Mountain, N. C.

Secretary-Treasurer—Henry T. Grinnell, Canton, N. C.

Executive Committee—George N. DeLaney, Lexington, Ky.; P. C. Thede, Cressmont, N. C.; S. M. Wolfe, Asheville, N. C., and Frank Buell, Asheville.

Membership in the association will be confined to owners, loggers, estimators, inspectors and others actively engaged in getting timber from the forest to the mill. The object of the association is given as co-operation with a view to greater efficiency and economy.

### BEGIN RESTORING PROPERTY CONFISCATED BY GEN. VILLA

**Home of Jose Ocha, at Juarez, to be Restored by Carranza Officials.**

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 3. — Restoration of property confiscated by General Villa was begun today by Carranza officials at Juarez. The home of Jose Ocha, in which William Benton, an Englishman, quarreled with General Villa, and was killed, was the first property restored. In the front yard of this home the late General Rudolfo Fierro, a Villa general, killed Manuel Guzman, agent of Felix Diaz, who called with papers from Diaz to Villa

General Luis Terrazas, at one time owner of many millions of acres in Chihuahua state, and of great wealth in live stock, is negotiating with the de facto government for permission to return to Mexico and for the restoration of his holdings, pending action by agrarian board to pass upon his titles. The negotiations are said to be before General Carranza for final disposition.

### COMMITTEE MEETS WEDNESDAY.

**For Settling Dispute Between Federal and International Leagues.**

Cincinnati, Jan. 3.—The committee appointed at the recent meeting of the baseball peace conferees to settle the dispute between the Federal and International Leagues, will meet here next Wednesday at noon. This decision was reached today at a meeting here of the National Commission which will re-convene tomorrow.

The committee is composed of President James A. Gilmore, of the Federal League; President Edward Barrows, of the International League, a representative of the Baltimore Federal League club; a representative of the Buffalo Federal League club and the members of the National Baseball Commission.

At the meeting today various matters relevant to the readjustment or baseball affairs were discussed informally, but other than the announcement of the committee meeting no news of a definite character developed.

### COAL MINERS ON TRIAL.

**Four Former Strikers in Colorado Face the Charge of Murder.**

Castle Rock, Colo., Jan. 3.—Four former striking coal miners from the southern coal fields of Colorado, were placed on trial in district court today here, on the charge of murder in connection with the killing of Dr. F. P. Lester, a major in the Colorado National Guard. Lester was killed in a battle near Walsenburg in April, 1914, between striking coal miners and National guardsmen.

The defendants are Charles Winn, Enoc Muir, Fred Garcia and Michael Savage. Charles O'Neil, a fifth defendant, was granted a continuance owing to illness. The case was brought here on a change of venire from Huerfano county.

### ROB HOSPITAL CASHIER.

**At Point of Pistol, Two Men Force Her to Give Up Box Containing $3,000.**

Chicago, Jan. 3. — Two men entered the offices of St. Luke's Hospital this afternoon, pointed revolvers at Miss Mary Tobin, the cashier, and escaped with a tin box containing $3,000. It was pay day at the institution, and the offices were crowded with nurses and other employees receiving their salaries. The robbers made the thirty nurses in the room hold up their hands while they seized the cash and escaped in an automobile.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—It was learned here today that Harry Sinclair, the Oklahoma capitalist, is making a hurried trip direct from St. Louis to New York with the intention, according to reports, of discussing the purchase of part of the stock of the New York National League club.

# BRITISH MEASURES MAY AFFECT TRADE

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government intends to make full use of its undoubted power to control completely the British mercantile marine. The assertion of such power means the inevitable injury of foreign traders who depend largely on British ships for the carrying of goods.

For example, it is reported on the Baltic shipping exchange that the American coffee trade, which is largely dependent on British ships, will be vitally injured by any considerable withdrawal of these vessels for sufficient neutral ships to take their place do not exist. Other trades with South and Central American ports also will suffer great damage if the requisitioning plan is extended to British ships trading between foreign ports.

### TO INVITE SENATOR BURTON.

**To Address N. C. Peace Society at Annual Meeting in March.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3 — The 1916 session of the North Carolina Peace Society will probably be held in Durham some time during March. The State executive committee, in session here today, adopted a motion favoring this date and place, but leaving the final selection and announcement to Dr. L. L. Hobbs, Guilford College, who is the North Carolina representative in the directorate of the national society.

United States Senator Burton will be invited to deliver an address. He is a former president of the American Peace Society. Governor Craig, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Dr. Chas. Lee Smith, Dr. T. P Harrison, Jos. G. Brown, Dr. Hobbs, and J. D. Berry participated in the meeting here today.

### CELEBRATES NEW YEAR.

**Yuan Shi Kai Gives Reception to All Members of Diplomatic Corps.**

Pekin, China, Jan. 3.—Yuan Shi Kai celebrated the new year today with a reception to all the members of the diplomatic corps. The reception was identical with those of former years. Yuan Shi Kai was announced a president. He sat and talked informally with the minsters, avoiding mention of the monarchy.

Although Yuan Shi Kai was announced as president at the new year's reception for the diplomatic corps, he appeared as Emperor at a New Year's reception for Chinese officials. A dispatch from Pekin yesterday said that on that occasion Yuan Shi Kai sat on the throne and was announced as His Imperial Majesty.

### IRON WORKS TO CONTINUE

**Raleigh Munitions Plant to Be Kept Running by Receivers.**

Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3.—In opening an adjourned term of Federal court here today, Judge Connor made an order that the receivers of the Raleigh Iron Works, the munitions plant which went into bankruptcy last week, shall be continued in operation with an especial view to the restoring of the business to a sound financial basis. The court naturalized Phillip Lynch a native of Ireland.

The Raleigh health records show 588 deaths during 1915. This being 14 fewer than for 1914. Of the 1915 66 were in the State Hospital for the Insane, 16 in the State's prison, and 32 in the soldier's home.

### JURY "MISCONDUCTED."

**Counsel for Matthew A. Schmidt Makes Motion for New Trial.**

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 3. — Alleging that the jury that convicted Matthew A. Schmidt, of first degree murder last Thursday, has misconducted itself, attorneys for the prisoner made a motion today for a new trial. Schmidt is charged with the murder of Charles Hagerty, one of the 20 men killed in the blowing up of the Times building five years ago.

The motion, which will be argued January 12, alleges that the jurors were permitted to take motor car rides and on various occasions had been allowed to dine at home.

### CONDITIONS IMPROVING.

**Being Rapidly Restored to Normal in the Yaqui Valley.**

Washington, Jan. 3.—Normal conditions are being restored rapidly in the Yaqui Valley, Mexico, according to advices to the Navy Department today from Admiral Winslow, commanding the Pacific fleet. The message transmitted reports from settlers who said the Mexican and foreign residents were returning to their ranches and that the Indians who terrorized the region recently apparently had withdrawn north of the Yaqui river.

The State Department was informed today that after General Villa left Chihuahua he was deserted by many of his followers. The force under General Rodriguez also was said to have been materially reduced by desertion.

### MOTORCYCLIST DEAD.

**Another Probably Fatally and One Seriously Hurt in Smash-up.**

Bakersfield, Cal., Jan. 3.—F. Montgomery, William Goudy and Otto Walker, motorcycle racers, were victims of a smash-up today that cost the life of Montgomery. Goudy probably was fatally injured and Walker was seriously hurt. One of the riders lost control of his machine on a curve. The other two, following closely, collided with him and all plunged into a fence. The men were practicing on the local speedway.

### BOND IS FIXED AT $500

**Judge Lenient Because of Serious Condition of General Huerta.**

San Antonio, Jan. 3.—Having been officially informed of Victoriano Huerta's condition, Federal Judge Maxey today fixed the Mexican general's bond at $500 which it was expected would be promptly furnished by friends in El Paso whence the order was telegraphed.

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